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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 7, 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 + Thursdays 9 am - 6 pm



PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 6, 2025 + Votive Mass for the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am **ROSARY**

8:30 am **Frank Butera** (Estate)

9:00 am **CONFESSION**



Saturday, December 6, 2025 + Vigil for Second Sunday of Advent

5:15 pm **JoAnn Gradizzi** (Family)

Sunday, December 7, 2025 + Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 am **Betty Lewis** (Patti Lewis)

10:00 am **Kelley Aiello** (Mike & Christie Aiello)

Monday, December 8, 2025 + The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am **Genevieve Armanini** (Family)

12:05 pm **Louis Kilhoffer** (Kilhoffer Family)

6:00 pm **Paul Grieggs** (Family)

Tuesday, December 9, 2025 + Advent Weekday

9:00 am - 6:00 pm **ADORATION**

6:00 pm **Don Piccirillo** (Marcia Woodroffe)

Wednesday, December 10, 2025 + Advent Weekday

8:30 am **Marlene Roof** (Bill & Teddy Urmann)

4:00 - 6:00 pm **CONFESSION**

Thursday, December 11, 2025 + Advent Weekday

8:30 am **Living and deceased members of Saint Leo Parish**

9:00 am - 6:00 pm **ADORATION**

Friday, December 12, 2025 + Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30 am **William Fannin** (Dolly MacDonald)

Saturday, December 13, 2025 + Saint Lucy

8:00 am **ROSARY**

8:30 am **Augustine John Furton** (Dave & Lucy Bobby)

9:00 am **CONFESSION**

Saturday, December 13, 2025 + Vigil for Second Third of Advent

5:15 pm **Jim MacDonald** (Dolly MacDonald)

Sunday, December 14, 2025 + Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 am **Joseph & Sanita Tettis** (Mike & Karen Tettis)

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

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

Advent Penance Services

Thurs.	Dec. 11	6 pm	Holy Rosary, Johnsonburg
Tues.	Dec. 16	6 pm	Queen of the World, St. Marys
Thurs.	Dec. 18	6 pm	St. Leo, Ridgway
Sun.	Dec. 21	2 pm	St. Joseph, Force
Mon.	Dec. 22	6 pm	Sacred Heart, St. Marys

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.

Imprimatur, October 28, 2025
The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, J.C.L.
Bishop of Erie



Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)

6:00 pm Mass Altar Servers: J & P Bobnar

Liturgical Ministries December 13 & 14, 2025

	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Minister	Lector
Saturday, 5:15 pm	L Kerr M Gausman	F or K Griech	A Anderson
Sunday, 8:00 am	O Buck CC MacDonald	D Richards	J Allenbaugh
Sunday, 10:00 am	E & H Leuschel	S or L Fink	WJ Fernan
Money Counters	Team # 2	Altar Guild (12/12)	Group 3 Pew 1

ALTAR CANDLES

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week
In Loving Memory of
LENA VIGLIONE
By the Kilhoffer family.

The Saint Leo Candle burns this week in
In Loving Memory of
LOUIS KILHOFFER
By his family.

*The wine and hosts for December have been
provided in memory of*
Victoria Davidson
By Paul & Rita Reed

Parish Stewardship

November 30, 2025

Weekly Collection \$ 7,866
Weekly Goal \$ 9,168

Catholic Service Appeal

Gifts to date \$30,590
Goal \$58,224

Online Giving

As we gather to give thanks this Thanksgiving season, we invite you to consider offering a gift to St. Leo Magnus Parish. Your generosity during this season enables us to carry on our mission and uplift 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 when you visit our online giving page. Thank you for your generosity and support. Your contributions are a true blessing, and we are deeply grateful for

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

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.

Year-Long 50/50 Is worth \$8,700!

The pay-out will continue to climb until the drawing on December 28, 2025

Bulletin Deadline - Submit by Dec. 4 for the Dec. 14 bulletin
Submit by Dec. 11 for the Dec. 21 Bulletin

Pay attention to submission deadlines for the holiday season

St. Leo Magnus Church

Parish Office Hours

9 am - noon & 1-4 pm

Monday - Thursday

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CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR YOUR

CEMETERY NEEDS

Pope Leo XIV

"We want to walk together by appreciating what unites us, breaking down the walls of prejudice and mistrust, promoting mutual knowledge and esteem in order to give to all a strong message of hope and an invitation to become 'peacemakers.' Let us make these values our resolutions for the season of Advent and even more so for our personal and communal life. We journey as if on a bridge that connects earth to Heaven, a bridge that the Lord has built for us. Let us always keep our eyes fixed on both shores, so that we may love God and our brothers and sisters with all our hearts in order to journey together and find ourselves one day united in the house of the Father."

Pope Leo XIV

Homily during Apostolic Visit to Turkey
29 November 2025



Advent

The CD of A will be offering Advent Candles and Wreaths for sale

Candles are \$5.00/box and a complete set, candles & wreath are \$20.00.

Pick up your candles/wreaths in the gathering space any time. We'll be using the honor system for payment.



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 Communion List.

FLOCKNOTE - KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US VIA EMAIL & TEXT! TO SIGN UP STLEO TO 84576 OR TLEO.FLOCKNOTE.COM

Baptism Preparation Class Schedule

Jan 6, 2026 6:30 pm Queen of the World, St. Marys 814-834-4701

Feb 24, 2026 6:30 pm St. Mark, Emporium 814-486-0569

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

KERSEY K OF C BREAKFAST BUFFET

Dec. 7 from 8 am until 11:30 (sold out). Price \$10 for adults and \$5 for 16 and under. This month's breakfast will support the "3 Breastkateer's" Gas card program for Cancer Treatment Patients.

ENGAGEMENT ENCOUNTER

Planning your wedding in 2026? An Engagement Encounter is scheduled for February 6-8 at St. Mark Catholic Center, Erie. Call the Family Life Office @ 814.824.1261 or email familylife@erieRCD.org. Visit <https://www.erieRCD.org/familylifeoffice/> for more information and registration. EE satisfies diocesan requirements for marriage preparation. Catholic and Interfaith couples are encouraged to attend. Remember, "A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime."

BENEDICTINE GIFT SHOP

CHRISTMAS SALE—20% OFF ALL CHRISTMAS DEC. 13 9 - 2 PM

ADVENT WORSHIP

Musical reflection on the season of Advent featuring Titusville's own Anna Lehnortt, Joseph Thompson and Nathaniel Licht. St. Joseph Parish, Warren. Sunday, Dec. 7 at 3:30 pm.

HOLIDAY FOOD FESTIVAL (a.k.a. Bah Humbug)

Dec. 13 from 9 am - 2 pm in the Sacred Heart Social Hall. All your favorite goodies will be available along with soups and breads.

CALLING ALL BAKERS!!

ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BAKE SOME GOODIES FOR THE ANNUAL CD OF A BAKE SALE PLEASE MARK YOUR GOODIES IF THEY CONTAIN NUTS OR PEANUT BUTTER IN THEM. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL OR TEXT DAWN AT 814.788.0278. HAPPY BAKING AND THANK YOU!

GOODIES, GOODIES, GOODIES!!!

The CD of A will be holding their Annual Christmas Bake Sale in the Gathering Space on Saturday, December 13th and Sunday, December 14th after all Masses. Please bring some extra "dough" for some yummy, yummy, yummy for your money, money, money.



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is easier than ever!

Scan QR code or go to [Formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup)
Enter your parish zip code or parish name
Enter your name and email

CANCEL THE COLD

†We remember in our prayers†

December 7

Peg Howard

Vincent Foley

Carl D. Lindberg

***Pope Leo XIV Prayer Intention for December
For Christians in areas of conflict***

*Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict,
especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace,
reconciliation, and hope.*

Christmas Gifts for Kids

The Giving Tree is now complete. Thank you to everyone who donated gifts for area children.

HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS

***Saint Leo School
Annual Christmas Program***

St. Leo School students in grades Pre-K through 4 will be presenting their annual Christmas program, "Glad Tidings of Emmanuel". The story of Christmas as performed by these children is indeed the best way to keep the Baby Jesus in our hearts. Curtains will open on Friday, December 12 at 7:00 pm. Dress rehearsal will be in the morning at 9:45 am on the same day. This is also open to the public. This delightful show is written and directed by Mrs. Rachel McCloskey,

St. Leo**Christmas Cash Drawing**

**Will be held on Sunday, December 14 after
the 10:00 am Mass**

7 lucky winners of \$1,000 each!

Be sure to get your tickets in



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**SPOTLIGHT ON
ST. LEO SCHOOL**

**THANK YOU,
RIDGWAY ROTARY!**

RECENTLY, THE RIDGWAY ROTARY CAME TO VISIT OUR 3RD GRADERS. DURING THEIR VISIT, THEY PRESENTED THEM WITH THEIR VERY OWN DICTIONARIES. THANK YOU, RIDGWAY ROTARY!!



From the Pastor's Desk

My dear parish family:

I think it would be safe to say that all of us, growing up or maybe even now, have a cousin (older or younger) who we are extremely close to and would get “into trouble” with on occasion. I would say that my “cohort in crime” is my cousin, Jennifer. Jenny (as we call her) and I are slightly two years apart in age, so we are more like brother and sister. I could spend the rest of Advent telling you about our antics when we and my brother Nathan were younger. The two true stories that immediately come to mind are: when we couldn’t find a sandbox to play in nor anything to bury in the sand, a large coal pile in the back yard sufficed and we buried Nathan (just up to the neck mind you!). Then there was the incident in the back seat of mom’s car on the way back from getting ice cream one summer, when I thought I would practice my cowboy skills and lasso Jenny’s wrist with the seat belt. I missed! But I was successful in making a huge gash across her forehead and spent the rest of afternoon running from my mother, because she evidently didn’t appreciate blood in her car! Yet most of time, Mom and Dad, Uncle Stephen and Aunt Judy, stood on the sidelines and let us cousins loose, hoping we wouldn’t cause too much damage. I would imagine Mary, Joseph, Elizabeth, and Zechariah did with same with their kids.



Jesus’ older cousin, his elder just by a few months, we once again encounter on this Second Sunday of Advent. He isn’t very dapper in his attire – camel skin. His hygiene I bet would have been less than sanitary, not to mention the odor. Let alone his snarky attitude. I doubt many people said, “*I heard a sweet sounding guy named John out in the desert today. He’s really neat!*” John the Baptist was rough. He was rude to a point. He was loud – some might say obnoxious. He wasn’t much to look at either. Today, he would probably be sent for some sort of mental health evaluation. But what would Advent – what would Christmas – indeed what would our faith be without him? John the Baptist, the Forerunner of the Lord; he, who leapt in his mother Elizabeth’s womb when just the sound of Mary’s voice reached his ears; he, who says today, not only to the people who heard it from his own lips 2,000 years ago, but we the people today and the people 2,000 years in the future, **“PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD!”**

In just a few hours from this weekend, the Church will celebrate the Immaculate Conception – how God *prepared* Mary as a pure and beautiful vessel for the Word Made Flesh from the very moment of her conception. But John comes first to *prepare* – to get ready – to see if anyone is even listening! Isn’t that the more important aspect of our journey to the stable now – listening? John today proclaims that the waiting is over. His voice announces God will be found in the Savior who shares our human life in all things but sin. Now two millennia later, John’s voice is still shouting the good news to the world, but it is being drowned out – edited like unwanted or censorable dialogue in a movie or television – erased even by the chaos of voices in our society that are not sweet at all. This second half of Advent is less a time of waiting and more a time of listening to our lives now. Yes, listening to the voice of the Blessed Virgin Mary, “*Yes Father I will do what you ask and bring you into world.*” The voice of Saint Joseph, “*Yes God I will raise this child and protect Him always.*” The voice of John the Baptist to us today, “*Wake up! Listen up! He’s here – open your ears and listen to Him. He knows what He’s doing! Don’t worry about how crazy I look and the clothes I wear and the strange stuff I eat. Listen for Him, He’ll show you the way. And if you follow Him you’ll never be lost again!*”

Soon we will look upon the tiny face of the greatest gift of all. Soon we will be filled with so much joy we won’t be able to contain it. Soon John’s little cousin will restore all things so that we might have life to the fullest. There’s no way back now, it must only be forward, forward to another candle, forward to find God waiting for us in a crib. Listen now, follow His voice, join all the other pilgrims of hope, and we *will* find Him.

*As our Advent journey continues,
we walk in hope toward Bethlehem!*

Father Justin