



ST. LEO MAGNUS

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 16, 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

**“Lent is a time of
renewal for the whole
Church, for each
community and every
believer. Above all it is
a time of grace.”**

- Pope Francis



**Holy Year of Hope
Jubilee 2025**

Mass Intentions

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)

Tuesday, March 18, 2025 + Lenten Weekday

- 9 am - 6 pm **Adoration**
- 6:00 pm **The People of Saint Leo Parish**

Wednesday, March 19, 2025 + Saint Joseph

- 8:30 am **Catherine Jordan** (Rose Wolf)
- 4-6 pm **Confession**
- 6:00 pm **Jennie Morelli** (Bob & Jen Mercer)

Thursday, March 20, 2025 + Lenten Weekday

- 8:30 am **Linda Giovanini** (John & Sue Feronti)
- 9 am - 6 pm **Adoration**
- 1:00 pm **Stations of the Cross**
- 6:00 pm **Nick Martin** (Dave & Lucy Bobby)

Friday, March 21, 2025 + Lenten Weekday

- 8:30 am **Mary Jane D'Amore** (Dave & Joey Kepple)
- 6:00 pm **Kathleen Pino** (Annie, Kate, Molly & Heidi Gausman)

Saturday, March 22, 2025 + Lenten Weekday

- 8:00 am **Rosary**
- 8:30 am **Rob Fernan** (Nancy)
- 9:00 am **Confession**

Saturday, March 22, 2025 + Vigil for Third Sunday of Lent

- 5:15 pm **Eugene & Jim Facchine** (Friends)

Sunday, March 23, 2025 + Third Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 am **Cyndi Herzing** (Family)
- 10:00 am **Larry Johnson** (Linda Johnson)



If you would like to purchase an additional Mass intention, call the parish office. There are a few open dates. Limit 1 per person.

*The Parish offers our prayers and sympathies to the family of
Arlene Regulski - wife of Phil Regulski*

May she, and all the faithful departed, rest in eternal peace.

Altar Candles

WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

- Sanctuary** In loving memory of **Jennie Morelli**
from Dan & Mary Louise Kutsch
- Saint John of God** In loving memory of **Mike DeStefano**
from Angela DeStefano

*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 22 & 23, 2025

	Altar Servers	Eucharist Minister	Lector
5:15 pm	S & S Tettis	F or K Griech	M Buck
8:00 am	J Nicklas M MacDonald	B Gausman	J Allenbaugh
10:00 am	H Bish D Tutton	N Hoffman	N Hoffman

Ministry Schedule Week of March 23, 2025	Money Counter Team #4	Altar Guild ^(3/21) Group 5, Pew 5
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Cancel the Cold

†We remember in our prayers†

March 15 ~ Bob & Marie Blose

March 16 ~ Jeff Penfield, Ron Swanson, Genevive Stanley, Mary Foley, Sis Geitner, Souls in Purgatory, Luigi & Caroline LaValle, Peg Howard

March 19 ~ Joseph Fusco

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US VIA EMAIL & TEXT!

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

Prayer Chain ~

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

Parish Contributions

Week of 3/9/2025

Weekly Offering.....	\$8,561
Weekly Goal.....	\$8,695
Year -To-Date (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025)	
Actual.....	\$283,196
Budget.....	\$330,410

Happening This Week

Sun	16	Confirmation Class, 11:30 am, church
Tue	18	CD of A meeting, 6:30 pm, social hall
Thu	20	Stations & Soup, and The Seven Last Words, 1 pm, church and social hall

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

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

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 18 at noon for Mar 23 bulletin

Contact St. Leo Parish

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Office hours: Mon. - Thur.

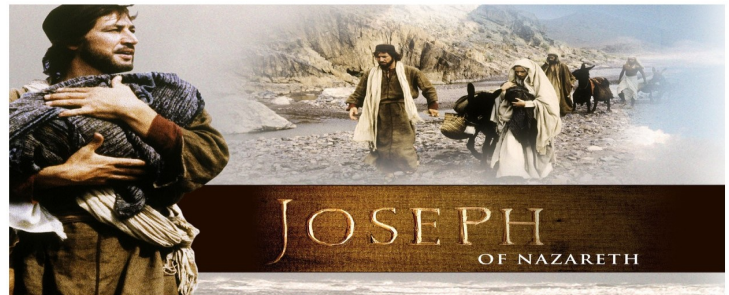
9:00 am - noon + 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Call the parish office for your cemetery needs

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

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Forming Catholics for Life.



Joseph of Nazareth: The Story of the Man Closest to Christ

Celebrate the feast of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect this year by watching a movie about him! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth!

Our parish has a Formed subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the Formed app to your phone.



An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

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 28 & 29	Our Lady of Peace, Erie.	RSVP 814-833-7701
Apr 27	St. James, Erie.	RSVP 814-899-6178

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.

FISH FRY

St. Boniface Parish, Kersey is offering Fish Fry during Lent. Fridays 4- 6:30 pm at the St. Boniface Social Hall. Cost: \$15 and under 10 - \$8.

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

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!

ST. MARK PARISH MISSION, EMPORIUM

March 23 @ 6 pm, Fr. Ben Dagher ~LOVE~ with Annual Lenten Penance Service
March 24 @6:30 pm, Fr. Jonathan Schmolt ~FAITH~ with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
March 25 @ 6:30 pm, Msgr. Charles Kaza ~HOPE~ with closing Mass

QUEEN OF THE WORLD PARISH EVENINGS OF REFLECTION
March 24 - 26 at 6:30 pm ~Hope in the Father's Mercy~ Presented by Fr. Luke Dagher at Queen of the World Church, St. Marys



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE DIOCESE OF ERIE MOTHER DAUGHTER TEA 2025

A SPECIAL TIME TO CONNECT, TALK ABOUT BECOMING A WOMAN, PREPARE FOR PUBERTY (for girls age ten and older and their moms)

For more information & to sign up: <https://www.eriecd.org/chastity/tea.html>

APRIL 5, 2025
St. Mary's Church
1:00 - 4:00 PM
315 Church St.
St. Marys, PA 15857
RSVP by 3/28

MAY 3, 2025
Saint Mark Catholic Center
1:00 - 4:00 PM
429 E. Grandview Blvd.
Erie, PA 16504
RSVP by 4/25



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



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SPOTLIGHT ON ST. LEO SCHOOL

REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL

CATHOLICS EVERYWHERE BEGAN THE SEASON OF LENT ON ASH WEDNESDAY BY RECEIVING ASHES AND BEING REMINDED TO REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL. ST. LEO SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTENDED MASS ON WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT AND ATTENDED THEIR FIRST OF MANY STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR THE SEASON. BEFORE HEADING TO ASH WEDNESDAY MASS, OUR STUDENTS "BURIED THE ALLELUIA". THEY PLACED THE WORD, ALONG WITH THE ALLELUIA BUTTERFLIES THEY MADE, IN A BOX. IT WILL BE BROUGHT OUT AND BUTTERFLIES WILL BE RETURNED TO THE STUDENTS AFTER EASTER! THIS HELPS THE STUDENTS VISUALIZE THIS PRACTICE OF FASTING FROM THIS JOYOUS WORD. IN 6TH GRADE, STUDENTS HAVE A SPECIAL LENTEN PRAYER TABLE. THE STUDENTS CHOOSE A RANDOM CHALLENGE FROM ONE OF THE 3 CATEGORIES AVAILABLE: PRAYER, SACRIFICE, OR ALMS. EACH CHALLENGE IS WORTH A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF POINTS, AND STUDENTS HAVE ONE DAY TO COMPLETE THEIR CHALLENGE. IF THE STUDENTS ARE ABLE TO COMPLETE THEIR CHALLENGE, THEY CAN THEN PUT BEANS INTO THE JAR THAT CORRELATES WITH THEIR CHALLENGE CATEGORY. AS A CLASS, THEY ARE LEARNING ABOUT AND TRYING TO "DIE TO SELF" AND SERVE OTHERS, WHILE GROWING CLOSER TO GOD.

This Lenten activity is just one of the many ways individual classes stay immersed in the Gospel. Would you like your child to experience an environment that nurtures and educates the whole child and helps you raise your child with their soul and Heaven in mind? Call or email us and book a tour of St. Leo School, or enroll your child today!



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 3*

My dear parish family:

When we meditate, especially on aspects of our faith, we enter into a scene that becomes more real than just reading text on a page. By meditating on the Seven Last Words of our Lord from the Cross is placing us at the foot of that Cross. We can hear the crowd shouting. We can feel the heat of the desert. We can smell the iron scent of blood that is permeating the air from the three men hanging above us. We can see the horror of Jesus' Passion. Moreover, we hear His voice speak to us – not only 2,000 years ago on Calvary, but today as we walk this Lenten journey. Jesus Himself is our “retreat master” this Lent. He is leading us along the road of these forty days with His seven words, recorded in the Gospels. His commentary therefore for us is not allowing us to reflect on His suffering, but also on our own suffering whatever form that takes.

No one suffers alone. When my paternal grandfather was confined to a nursing home in the last year of his earthly life – the cross of dementia weighing so crushingly on his shoulders – one day my grandmother and I were driving to visit him, and she said to me. “Your grandfather suffers. I suffer too!” In other words, she shared in her husband of nearly 70 years' pain. We do this not for ourselves. No, we share in a person's suffering, because we love them! Jesus suffered not for one person, but for all of us. There was one person in particular who bore a significant amount of suffering, pain, and bitter tears for Jesus on that first Good Friday. That was His beloved Mother – our Mother – Mary of Nazareth.

The third last word this week leads us to her.....

The Third Word

“HE SAID TO HIS MOTHER, ‘WOMAN, BEHOLD YOUR SON.’ THEN HE SAID TO HIS DISCIPLE, ‘BEHOLD YOUR MOTHER.’”

(John 19:26-27)



Let us imagine Christ's loneliness, as He looks down at His sinless mother, beside young John, His “beloved disciple.” He knows how they share His pain and will soon have to cope with His death; but He is not silent. He wants those whom He loves to continue to love and care for each other, as He loves His mother. Mary, one day following her glorious assumption body and soul into eternity, she will then be Queen of Heaven. Then she becomes mother not only to John but to every man, woman, and child on earth – then, now, and forever! Jesus entrusts her to all of us, so as mothers so wonderfully have done since the beginning of time, will pray for us, guide us, and love us without condition, especially when we feel abandoned by so many or feel that no one can love us. Mary at the foot of the Cross is love and trust in God that can reignite all our hearts!

Centuries after that day on Calvary, the great saint of our tradition and young nun, Thérèse of Lisieux, would mediate and ponder the strength of the Blessed Mother in enduring so many sorrows, noting that, unlike all of us, Mary herself did not have a Blessed Mother to pray with (although, of course, she had her Son). Therefore, let's bring to our prayer this first week of Lent, third question: is there a lonely person in your life, perhaps someone mourning the death of a parent or their spouse or child? Can we step forward this week and offer love and support, as John and the Blessed Mother offered each other? They did this because Jesus told them so. May we do the same.

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

Father Justin