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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 12, 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



Holy Years of Jubilee

Before the United States was a nation, Pope Benedict XIV declared a jubilee for the year 1750. As continues to be the custom, he opened the Holy Door by first knocking upon it with a bejeweled hammer.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 11, 2025 + Votive Mass for Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am **ROSARY**

8:30 am **Louise Mader** (Dean Paige)

9:00 am **CONFESSION**

Saturday, October 11, 2025 + Vigil for The Twenty-eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

5:15 pm **Deceased Members of Knight of Columbus #1064**

Sunday, October 12, 2025 + The Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am **Neil & Marcella Wonderly** (Family)

10:00 am **Don Piccirillo** (Peg Mitchell)

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 + Weekday

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

6:00 pm **Art Cianca, Jr.** (Mary Ann Cianca)

Wednesday, October 15, 2025 + Saint Teresa of Jesus

8:30 am **Billy Egger** (Mary Egger)

4 - 6 pm **CONFESSION**

Thursday, October 16, 2025 + Weekday

8:30 am **Lucy Johnson** (Carol Bomba)

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

Friday, October 17, 2025 + Saint Ignatius of Antioch

8:30 am **Doro Vitella** (Kathleen & Philip Johnson)

Saturday, October 18, 2025 + Saint Luke

8:00 am **ROSARY**

8:30 am **The People of Saint Leo Parish**

9:00 am **CONFESSION**

Saturday, October 18, 2025 + Vigil for the Twenty-ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

5:15 pm **Mr. & Mrs. Ray Cenni** (Dave Giovanini)

Sunday, October 19, 2025 + The Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am **Patty Iforda & Mary Lou Fleming** (Pat Fleming)

10:00 am **Frank Clark, 27th anniv.** (Ron & Mom)

Pope Leo XIV Prayer Intention for October

FOR COLLABORATION BETWEEN DIFFERENT RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

FLOCKNOTE

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US VIA EMAIL & TEXT!

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

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. Call 814-772-3135

IN NEED OF PRAYERS? CALL JAN @ 814-776-1352

SHE WILL ADD YOUR INTENTION TO OUR PRAYER LIST

ALTAR CANDLES

*The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in
loving memory of*

JOSH REYNOLDS AND MICHAEL BENNARDI

By Ron & Rita Bennardi

*The Saint John of God Candle will burn this week in
loving memory of :*

SANITA TETTIS, JEAN BRIAN, AMELIA RITUCCI

MARGARET SCHMIEDL

*All mothers and godmothers of
Ralph & Margaret Tettis*

*The wine and hosts for October have been
provided in memory of*

Crieg and Jim Johnson

By their family.

Liturgical Ministries October 18 & 19, 2025

	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Minister	Lector
Saturday, 5:15 pm	E Regulski H Bowen	JP MacDonald	M Buck
Sunday, 8:00 am	M Gausman O Buck	J Allenbaugh	L Caggese
Sunday, 10:00 am	B Leader A Corl	K Gerber	N Hoffman
Money Counters	Team # 3	Altar Guild (10/17)	Group 3 Pew 5

**Holy Baptism
is the basis
of the whole
Christian life,
the gateway
to life in
the Spirit.**

CCC 1213

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments- Diocesan Child Protection Policies: The Diocese of Erie, is committed to protecting minors who are entrusted to our care. The Diocese has policies and procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse, to aid in the prevention of abuse and to develop and maintain safe environments. All those who minister to minors are screened, trained, and agree to a Code of Conduct. To read the Policy that includes the Code of Conduct, go to: <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/policies-1.html> For more information, contact the diocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.

Parish Stewardship

October 5, 2025

Weekly Collection \$9,282
Weekly Goal \$9,168

Catholic Service Appeal

Gifts to date \$25,961
Goal \$58,224

Year Long 50/50 is going strong!
Current Pay out \$6,600

Tickets are available in the Gathering Space or the parish office. Drawing will be held December 28, 2025

Online Giving

As autumn settles in and our schedules get busier, we understand that you might not be able to join us every Sunday. However, your generous donations can still be here! Simply visit our online giving page found at www.stleomagnus.org. We hope you'll find the experience quick 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.

THE 2026 MASS BOOK WILL OPEN NOVEMBER 3RD

(Limit 3 Mass intention requests)

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.

St. Leo Magnus Church

Parish Office Hours

9 am - noon & 1-4 pm
Ph: 814-772-3135

Monday - Thursday
secretary@stleomagnus.org

**CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR YOUR
CEMETERY NEEDS**

Pope Leo XIV



"In this month of October, as we contemplate with Mary the mysteries of Christ our Savior, let us deepen our prayer for peace: a prayer that becomes concrete solidarity with those people tormented by war. Thank you to the many children around the world who have committed themselves to praying the Rosary for this intention."

**Pope Leo XIV
Angelus Message
Sunday, 5 October 2025**



Pet Blessing, 2025

Dogs, rabbits, a lizard and horses all received God's blessing from Fr. Justin on Sunday, October 5th in celebration of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi.



Baptism Preparation Class Schedule

Nov 25 6:30 pm St. Marys, St. Marys 814-781-1019

Pre-Cana Class Schedule

Nov. 2 St. George, Erie RSVP 814-864-0622

INTERNATIONAL FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE**SEPT. 24TH THROUGH NOV. 2**

The mission of this Campaign is to end Abortion through Fasting, Prayer and Community Outreach. With changing hearts and minds 25,695 babies have been saved since 2007.

Elk County Right To Life will sponsor 40 Days Rosary - after Tues. 8:30 Mass at St. Marys Church and after Friday 6:15 Mass at Sacred Heart. They will place 40 Day Daily Prayer Sheets at entrances of area Churches. For more information contact Mary Ross at 814-781-6867.

COAT COLLECTION

Elk county Ecumenical Group is collecting used clean coats, hats, gloves or mittens and scarves for kids and adults in our community who are in need this winter. Any donations are greatly appreciated. A collection box is located in the gathering space. Thanks so much for your generosity!

OCTOBERFEST CRAFT SHOW

Saturday, Oct. 18, 9am - 2pm. Craft Vendors, 50/50, Basket Raffle, German Food Booth. St. Mary's Parish Center Cafeteria.

SACRED HEART SOCIAL COMMITTEE BAKE SALE

Soups, Sandwiches and many varieties of Breads. And, of course, Cinnamon Rolls! Pre-orders only by calling 814-781-1019 by Oct. 20. Pick up from 2-5:30pm Oct. 23.

BENEFIT BBQ DINNER

At Ridgway Moose Lodge, October 19 from 11 am until 1 pm. Benefits Denny Lindberg (one of our own). If anyone would like to donate a basket for the raffle, contribute baked goods, volunteer at the event, or support in any way, please call the Moose.

WALNUT ROLL SALE

Queen of the World Church, St. Marys will sell Walnut Rolls. Rolls are \$12/full or \$7/half. Order by calling QW at 814-834-4701 by Oct. 24. Pick up after Masses Nov. 1 & 2.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 18/19

The collection taken up on this Sunday supports:

- ◆ The formation of seminarians and future religious sisters and brothers.
- ◆ The education of children in Catholic Schools
- ◆ Healthcare and pastoral care in remote and underserved regions
- ◆ The training of catechists and lay leaders
- ◆ The construction of churches, chapels, schools, and mission centers.

St. Leo Religious Education

Sacrament classes are underway. We meet Sundays from 9 - 10 am. If you need another copy of the schedule, please contact the parish office.

Remember, grades 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 are meeting at Holy Rosary in Johnsonburg.

GIFTS FOR KIDS

We are in search of someone to head this extremely rewarding and easy project that benefits our area children. Please call the parish office for details. You won't believe how easy this project is and how little time it takes to really make a difference in a child's life

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY IS BACK!**

We will be meeting weekly on Sundays during 10:00am mass. Children ages 3 through 3rd grade are welcome to join us for a message about the gospel readings for the week! We Typically watch a video about the gospel, discuss what it means, and create a project to go along with the lesson for the week! Children are returned back to their families in the pews prior to communion.



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Enter your name and email



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SPOTLIGHT ON ST. LEO SCHOOL

**MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT**

LAST WEEK, OUR 5-8TH GRADE STUDENTS ATTENDED THEIR FALL RETREAT IN FRENCHVILLE AT THE BETHANY RETREAT CENTER. THE THEME OF THEIR RETREAT WAS "HOW GOD LOVES EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US." HOW DO WE KNOW THIS? WHAT IS THE PROOF? EACH STUDENT STARTED OUT WITH AN EMPTY BINDER RING. AS THEY WENT THROUGHOUT THE DAY, THEY ACCUMULATED SCRIPTURE TICKETS THAT ASSURED THEM OF GOD'S LOVE. THE STUDENTS AND THEIR TEACHERS CELEBRATED MASS IN THE INTIMATE CHAPEL, LED BY FR. CHRIS BERAN. THE BOYS AND THE GIRLS SPLIT UP AND WENT THEIR SEPARATE WAYS, WHERE THE BOYS STARTED AN UPHILL CLIMB IN THE WOODS THAT LED THEM ALONG THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS, ENDING AT THE LARGE CROSS ON THE HILL. THE GIRLS STARTED BY WALKING TO THE MARIAN GROTTO TO PRAY A ROSARY. THE GROUPS SWITCHED AND THEN MET UP FOR LUNCH, WHICH WAS MADE FRESH FOR US BY SR. SUZANNE. AFTER A DELICIOUS MEAL, THE KIDS ALL WENT OUTSIDE FOR A FUN GAME OF CAPTURE THE FLAG, WHERE STUDENTS HAD TO WORK TOGETHER AS A TEAM. THE DAY ENDED WITH AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF SILENCE, WHERE EACH STUDENT TOOK THEIR SCRIPTURE TICKETS AND FOUND A SECLUDED SPOT TO REFLECT ON A WAY THAT GOD LOVES THEM AND LISTEN FOR GOD'S VOICE.



From the Pastor's Desk

My dear parish family:

Two weeks ago in my reflections here, I mentioned Bishop Tobias Mullen, our third diocesan shepherd. I failed to mention, when talking about his magnificent accomplishment of building our Cathedral in Erie, what his episcopal motto had been. Every bishop has a motto that appears on their coat of arms. Bishop Mullen had chosen in 1868 the Latin phrase *Spes Unica*, which is translated **Hope in Unity**. What a perfect motto for our Jubilee Year as pilgrims of hope! In fact, his coat of arms and motto (pictured here on this page) is beautifully depicted in colored marble in the main aisle's floor of St. Peter Cathedral.



Hope in unity! Make's sense for us witnesses for Jesus Christ not only during this Holy Year – but for every year of our Catholic Christian journey along one another.

Back in June, during one of his Wednesday General Audiences, our Holy Father Pope Leo reflected on the great Church Father, Saint Irenaeus of Lyon (present day France). The Pope reminds us that Irenaeus a “*teacher of unity, teaches us not to oppose, but to connect. There is intelligence not where there is separation, but where there is connection. To distinguish is useful, but to divide, never. Jesus is the eternal life in our midst: He brings opposites together and makes communion possible.*” Leo XIV continued: “*We are pilgrims of hope, because among people, populations and creatures, we need someone who decides to move towards communion. Others will follow. Like Irenaeus in Lyon in the second century, so in each of our cities let us return to building bridges where today there are walls. Let us open doors, connect worlds, and there will be hope.*”

There it is, my sisters and brothers! Hope is truly alive, powerful, and strengthened, when we are united – connected in communion – building bridges by working together toward the same goal, which is eternal life in Heaven.

Unity is about a shared experience and reality that we are all created and loved by God. Starting from this premise, we can embark on the journey together to be unified with Him. We are called to be “pilgrims of hope” during this Jubilee Year 2025. Considering that pilgrims often journey collectively, incorporating the theme of unity into this experience is appropriate. Unity, however, has become a misunderstood concept in our times, often misused. While many contexts align with our Christian worldview, others represent ideological movements contrary to our values. How do we reclaim the term “unity” in its purest form, a state of oneness without demanding sameness? In this article, we will explore oneness over sameness, how our differences matter, and find hope in unity through the example of the Holy Family as a model. How appropriate, therefore, that it is was family from Nazareth of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph that Bishop Mullen chose to depict on his coat of arms 157 years ago.

The Holy Family serves as the perfect model of journeying together. From the beginning, our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph faced the challenge of being one as God intended for married couples. They instead found perfect unity in the One who entrusted them with the greatest of tasks. Even the joy of welcoming a new child was challenged by homelessness when no room was available in the inn. Just as they were settling into their new home and receiving visitors from afar, they were displaced once again, becoming refugees in a foreign land. Despite these challenges, the Holy Family remained unified in the promise and hope of their special child, the One Himself. They give us *Hope in Unity* for all seeking something greater today.

Unity is not about sameness; it is about oneness, achieved by trusting in the constant reality of God's love for each person. Regardless of our birth circumstances, skin color, culture, status, or credentials, true unity and hope emerge when we seek to unite with the one unchanging reality: the Love of God for all. Therefore, we don't have to be ordained bishops to live by the great motto chosen in the mid-19th century by an Irish-born priest from Pittsburgh, who became our builder-bishop. Yes, we can all chose and live by those motto's words – *Spes Unica* – Hope in Unity!

May we all work together this week, strengthened by the hope that never disappoints! *Father Justin*