

# ST. LEO MAGNUS

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 14, 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



**REJOICE - AGAIN, I SAY  
REJOICE!**

## Mass Intentions

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 Third Sunday 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**

Tuesday, December 16, 2025 + *Advent Weekday*

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

**NO MASS**

Wednesday, December 17, 2025 + *Late Advent Weekday*

8:30 am **David Aiello** (Gennaro Aiello)

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

Thursday, December 18, 2025 + *Late Advent Weekday*

8:30 am **Ben & Sandy Brendel** (Jerry & Kathy Meyer)

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

Friday, December 19, 2025 + *Late Advent Weekday*

8:30 am **James Kennedy, 1st anniv** (Dolores Miller)

Saturday, December 20, 2025 + *Late Advent Weekday*

8:00 am **ROSARY**

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

9:00 am **CONFESSION**

Saturday, December 20, 2025 + *Vigil for Fourth of Advent*

5:15 pm **Frank & Dorothy Armanini** (Family)

Sunday, December 21, 2025 + *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

8:00 am **William Fleming** (Pat Fleming)

10:00 am **Mary Bellomo** (Family)

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

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

## Advent Penance Services

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



## ALTAR CANDLES

*The Sanctuary Candle burns this week  
In Loving Memory of  
**BOB CONNACHER**  
By Chris & Susie Klase.*

## Liturgical Ministries December 20 & 21, 2025

	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Minister	Lector
<b>Saturday, 5:15 pm</b>	B Leader J Hoyle	J Wonderly	H Bish
<b>Sunday, 8:00 am</b>	H Bowen MJ Bish	J Allenbaugh	M Stager
<b>Sunday, 10:00 am</b>	D Scarnati E Regulski	J Williams	D Paige
<b>Money Counters</b>	Team # 3	<b>Altar Guild</b> (12/19)	Group 4 Pew 2

## 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,*

**Planning Ahead?**  
**Christmas Mass Times**  
4:00 pm Vigil  
12:00, midnight  
10:00 am



## *Year-Long 50/50 Is over \$9,040!*

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

### *Online Giving*

As we embrace the winter season and its serene beauty, we invite you to consider offering a gift to St. Leo Magnus Church. Your generosity during this time helps us continue our mission and support our community. Visit our parish website 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.

### *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.



We have a few extra copies of the new hard bound hymnals. If you would like to purchase one contact the parish office. Cost \$20

**Bulletin Deadline** - Submit by Dec. 18 for the Dec. 28 bulletin  
Submit by Dec. 29 for the Jan. 4 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*

“Hope acts as the deep-seated drive that keeps us walking in difficulty that prevents us from giving up in the fatigue of the journey that makes us certain that the pilgrimage of existence will lead us home. Without hope, life risks appearing to be a parenthesis between two eternal nights, a brief pause between the before and the after of our journey on earth. To hope in life means instead to anticipate the destination, to believe as certain what we still cannot see or touch, to trust and to entrust ourselves to the love of a Father who created us because he wanted us with love, and wants us to be happy.”

**Pope Leo XIV  
General Audience  
26 November 2025**



Welcome to our newest Catholic!

**Mikada Ann Nortum**

Daughter of Andrew and JoAnne Nortum

We pray God will bless her, and her family,

### **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**

**ENGAGEMENT ENCOUNTER**

If your family is celebrating an upcoming wedding in 2026, consider a gift that lasts a lifetime—**Engagement Encounter**.

This weekend retreat helps couples prepare for a strong, faith-filled marriage and fulfills diocesan requirements for marriage in the Church.

**Next session:** February 6-8, 2026 at *St. Mark Catholic Center, Erie*. **Space is limited—register early!**

Call the Family Life Office: 814-824-1261 or

email: [familylife@erieRCD.org](mailto:familylife@erieRCD.org), more details and registration: <https://www.erieRCD.org/familylifeoffice/>.

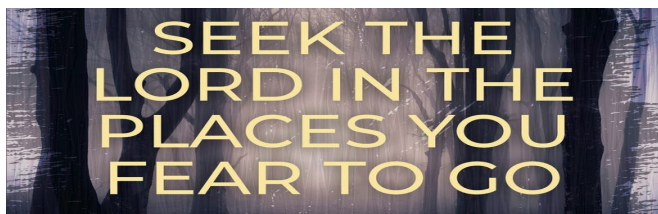
**“A Wedding is one day, but a marriage is for a lifetime”**

**GOODIES, GOODIES, GOODIES!!!**

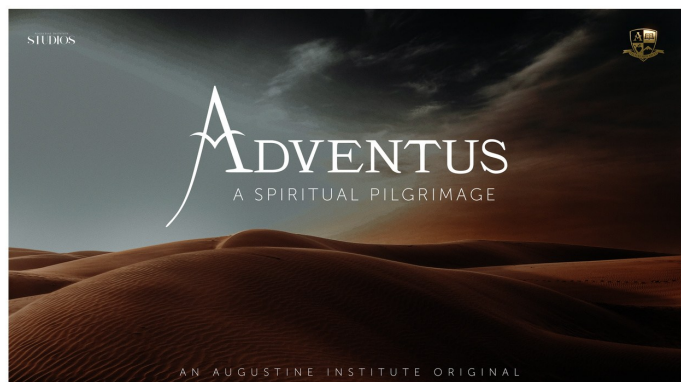
The CD of A will be holding their Annual Christmas Bake Sale in the Gathering Space on Saturday, December 13th and Sunday, December 14th after all Masses. Please bring some extra “dough” for some yummy, yummy, yummy for your money, money, money.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to Juan Diego in Mexico City in 1531. The Patroness of the Americas, Our Lady of Guadalupe is a beloved symbol of faith, motherhood and identity. Her feast day is Dec. 12.



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This Advent, make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Uncover the beauty of the place where Christ was born, preparing your heart for Christ's coming so you can enter more deeply into this season.

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**SPOTLIGHT ON ST. LEO SCHOOL****EGYPTIAN PAPYRUS**

MRS. MITCHELTREE'S KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS RECENTLY MADE PAPYRUS TO GO ALONG WITH THEIR CORE HISTORY LESSONS ABOUT ANCIENT EGYPT. PAPYRUS WAS THE PAPER INVENTED BY THE ANCIENT EGYPTIAN USING REEDS MASHED INTO A PULP AND SPREAD OUT TO DRY.

**St. Leo****Christmas Cash Drawing**

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

**7 lucky winners of \$1,000 each!**

**Be sure to get your tickets in**

**CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS-**

**BULLYING** is defined as any unwanted aggressive behavior by another youth or group of youths that involves an observed or perceived power imbalance and is repeated multiple times or is highly likely to be repeated. 20% of youth ages 12-18 experience bullying. When adults respond quickly to bullying behavior, they send the message that bullying is not acceptable. There are ways parents can make a positive difference. Parents can educate themselves on the signs that a child is being bullied or is a bully. Parents should keep the lines of communication open with their child and model for their child how to treat others. Encourage your child to be inclusive by welcoming others to join their activities and groups. For more information on how to prevent bullying in your community visit [www.stopbullying.org](https://www.stopbullying.org). For additional resources visit [www.erieRCD.org/childprotection](https://www.erieRCD.org/childprotection)





## *From the Pastor's Desk*

My dear parish family:

The year was 1951. Pope Pius XII decreed that the southeastern portion of the Diocese of Pittsburgh should be separated and the Diocese of Greensburg was born. That same day the first bishop was named. The Most Reverend Hugh Louis Lamb, the Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia. Within a few days the Archbishop of Philadelphia, Cardinal Denis Dougherty, died and Bishop Lamb was named Administrator of the archdiocese. Bishop Lamb deep down, many surmised, didn't want to go to Greensburg, wishing perhaps that the Vatican would forget since he was now administering his home diocese. The priests of the new diocese of Greensburg waited and they waited and they waited some more. They were a new Church without a shepherd, waiting for direction. As the legend goes, the priests got together and penned a letter to the bishop-designate. It contained all their names below one sentence – a question actually: *“Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?”* Scripture obviously inspires! And the Word of God should also offer us inspiration on this Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday – the Sunday of Rejoicing.

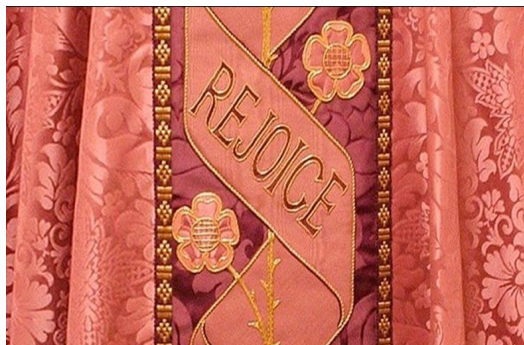
Those priests in Greensburg exemplified a typical human trait, that many us, myself included, share – frustration with waiting. Waiting is not usually the top ten on anyone's list. In the instantaneous society we live in today we can point and click and purchase practically anything, replete with overnight shipping. With a simple swipe of our smart phones we can talk with anyone in the world in a matter of seconds. When we want an answer we expect it immediately, with no obstacles, no detours, and no waiting! God forbid if anyone gets in our way – even if it may be God Himself!

Moreover, the scriptures are obvious guides for us. The apostle James in our second reading this weekend puts it succinctly: *“Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.”* Yes, the Lord is coming again. Once again the light of Bethlehem will dispel the darkness of the world. Soon – very soon the Child of Joy – the King of Kings – the One who will save all humanity will be in our midst. We – the entire human family – need Him to come again at Christmas. We need to make room in our hearts to welcome him again. We must echo the words of the ancient psalmist, that were echoed throughout churches, chapels, and cathedrals through the world with us this weekend, as we enter into these remaining days of Advent, *“Lord, come and save us.”*

Why then is our world and our society still looking for another? Why is there still this terrible blindness in recognizing that Jesus Christ's face is part of our faces – that the Lord's beauty is part of the beauty of every single human being? Why are people still deaf to the cries of the poor, the oppressed, the marginalized, the wounded, and the forgotten of society? The Lord comes again soon to set prisoners free! And many of us are indeed imprisoned; not behind iron bars in the county jail, but we often lock ourselves away in loneliness, sorrow, pain – we isolate ourselves from family, friends, the Church – from the healing, forgiving and life-giving hands of Jesus Christ.

Pope Benedict XVI once remarked: *“The coming of Christ marks the fullness of time. If He had come at the beginning of time, He would have been too early. If his coming had been delayed until the end of time, He would come too late.”* When God is ready He will enter into our lives at the right time – at the right place

– and change us for the better. That's what we wait for on December 25<sup>th</sup>. The Savior will be right on time – exactly when and where He promised! What about us? Will we make time to rejoice – today on this rose-colored Third Sunday of Advent – on Christmas Day – and every day that God gives us that follows? Yes, sisters and brothers, we must make room – be prepared – and be patient for the joy that only Christ can bring us.



As St. Paul reminds us,  
*“Rejoice! I say it again, rejoice!”*

*Father Justin*