



# ST. LEO MAGNUS

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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**April 6, 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 new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ’s victory over death.”**

*- Pope Francis*



**Holy Year of Hope**  
**Jubilee 2025**

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 5, 2025 + Lenten Weekday

- 8:00 am **Rosary**
- 8:30 am **Joan Martin** (Dave & Joey Kepple)
- 9:00 am **Confession**

Saturday, April 5, 2025 + Vigil for Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 5:15 pm **Joseph & Janice Casolo** (Family)

Sunday, April 6, 2025 + Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 am **Dolores & Mike Smithbauer** (Family)
- 10:00 am **Jim Facchine** (Family)
- 1:00 pm **Kathleen Pino** (Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Landini)

Tuesday, April 8, 2025 + Lenten Weekday

- 9 am - 6 pm **Adoration**
- 6:00 pm **Luigi Butera** (Estate)

Wednesday, April 9, 2025 + Lenten Weekday

- 8:30 am **Brandon Yetzer** (Dave & Joey Kepple)
- 6:00 pm **Penance Service**

Thursday, April 10, 2025 + Lenten Weekday

- 8:30 am **Fred Wonderly** (Jan Wonderly & Family)
- 9 am - 6 pm **Adoration**
- 1:00 pm **Stations of the Cross**
- 6:00 pm **Special Intention** (Sue Luchs)

Friday, April 11, 2025 + Lenten Weekday

- 8:30 am **Livio Morelli** (Family)
- 6:00 pm **The People of Saint Leo Parish**

Saturday, April 12, 2025 + Lenten Weekday

- 8:00 am **Rosary**
- 8:30 am **Gilbert & Dorothy Hoehn** (Betty Hoehn)
- 9:00 am **Confession**

Saturday, April 12, 2025 + Vigil for Palm Sunday of the

- Passion of the Lord
- 5:15 pm **Phil Mitchell** (Family)

Sunday, April 13, 2025 + Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

- 8:00 am **John & Mary Lee Urmann** (Mike & Christie Aiello)
- 10:00 am **John Ott** (Family)

## Sacrament Schedule

**Confirmation** ~ Sunday April 6 at 1:00 pm at St. Leo Magnus

**First Holy Communion Retreat** ~ Saturday, April 12, 9 am - noon at St. Leo Social Hall. Students only

**First Holy Communion Practice** ~ Saturday, May 3, 10 am, Students and Parents. Breakfast provided in the social hall by K of C #1064

**First Holy Communion** ~ Sunday, May 4 at 10 am Mass

The wine and hosts for April have been provided by the family of **Frank & Dorothy Armanini**.

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in loving memory of John MacDonald from Beverly MacDonald & Family.

## Liturgical Ministries April 12 & 13, 2025

	Altar Servers	Eucharist Minister	Lector
5:15 pm	D Tutton O Buck	S Anderson	A Anderson +1
8:00 am	MC Messineo E Regulski	V Stager	J Allenbaugh +1
10:00 am	J Tettis L Kerr	A Messineo	N Hoffman +1

Ministry Schedule	Money Counter	Altar Guild <sup>(4/11)</sup>
Week of April 13, 2025	Team #2	Group 8, Pew 2

## Cancel the Cold

†We remember in our prayers†

April 10

Rudy Johnson

THE AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE SHOW WITH DR. TIM GRAY

PREPARING FOR HOLY WEEK WITH GUEST DR. MARK GISZCZAK

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Preparing for Holy Week | The Augustine Institute Show

Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Mark Giszczak, professor of Sacred Scripture at the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, as they walk through the liturgies of Holy Week, historical spots in the Holy Land, and how to prepare our hearts for the events of the Passion.

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



### Parish Contributions

Week of 3/30/2025

Weekly Offering.....	\$6,461
Weekly Goal.....	\$8,695
Year -To-Date	
(July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025)	
Actual.....	\$302,773
Budget.....	\$356,495

**Mowing will begin at St. Leo Cemetery very soon. Please help clean up by removing all pots and flowers.**

### 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](http://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 Apr 7 at noon for Apr 13 bulletin  
Submit by Apr 10 at noon for Apr 20 bulletin

### Contact St. Leo Parish

111 Depot St, Ridgway PA 15853

[www.stleomagnus.org](http://www.stleomagnus.org)

Ph: 814-772-3135

email: [secretary@stleomagnus.org](mailto:secretary@stleomagnus.org)

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

**Wed. April 9 6:00 pm St. Leo, Ridgway**  
**Sun. April 13 2:00 pm St. Joseph, Force**

### Happening This Week

- Sun 6** Confirmation, 1 pm
- Wed 9** **Penance Service at St. Leo, 6 pm**  
K of C Meeting, 7 pm, at the K of C
- Thu 10** **Stations, Soup and Seven Last Words, 1 pm**
- Thu 10** St. Leo 5th - 8th grade Play, 6:30 pm, social hall
- Fri 11** St. Leo 5th - 8th grade Play, 6:30 pm, social hall
- Sat 12** First Holy Communion Retreat, 9 pm - noon, social hall



Welcome to our newest Catholic!

**Joel Thomas Anderson**

Son of Alex and Sara Anderson

We pray God will bless him, and his family,  
as he grows in faith.

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

### Baptism Preparation Class Schedule

- Apr 30** 6:00 pm St. Leo, Ridgway 814-772-3135
- May 22** 6:30 pm St. Marys, St. Marys 814-781-1019
- Jun 10** 6:30 pm Queen of the World, St. Marys 814-834-4701

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

### Pre-Cana class schedule

- Apr 27** St. James, Erie RSVP 814-899-6178
- Jul 12** St. Mark Catholic Center, Erie RSVP 814-824-1216

### 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.

**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.

**CRAFT, VENDOR AND GARDEN SHOW**

Saturday, April 26, 2025 from 9 am to 4 pm at St. Mary Social Hall, Crown PA. Admission is FREE. Dozens of tables will showcase hand-crafted items including jewelry, woodcrafts, home décor, potpourri, country primitive, tote bags, and more. Plants, trees, herbs, and other garden products will also be available. Food will be available for purchase. Proceeds benefit St. Mary/St. Ann Faith Formation program.

**BENECITINE GIFT SHOP**

A very well stocked Catholic Gift Shop located at 139 Church St., St. Marys. Come find the perfect gift for your loved one's sacrament or Easter. Open Tues - Fri 9:30 am - 5 pm, Sat 10 am - 1 pm. Closed Sun, Mon and Holy Days. **\*\*If you've never been to the Gift Shop, NOW is the perfect time to visit!**

**WAGON WHEELS A' ROLLIN'**

A rootin' tootin' comedy featuring St. Leo grades 5-8. April 10 & 11. Curtain @ 6:30 pm. St. Leo Social Hall.

**SACRED HEART PARISH FOOD FEST**

Sat. April 12, 9 am to noon at Sacred Heart Parish Center. Cream Puffs, Walnut Rolls, Babka Bread, Rye Bread, Cinnamon Rolls, Peanut Butter and Coconut Eggs. Also available Spaetzle and Wedding Soup, Hot Sausage and Reuben Sandwiches. **NO PRE-ORDERS!**

**CRS RICE BOWL**

Amid the harsh conditions of the Sahel region's 1976 drought, millions faced hunger. That same year, Catholics worldwide gathered at the 41st International Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia, focusing on "The Eucharist and the Hungers of the Human Family." As Lent draws to a close, let's reflect on how our prayers, fasting and almsgiving can help ensure no one goes hungry in the middle of today's global food crisis. Visit [crsricebowl.org/week-5](http://crsricebowl.org/week-5) to learn more.

**Child Abuse Prevention Month- Reporting Child Abuse:** It is every adult's moral responsibility to report known or suspected abuse or neglect of a minor to the responsible authorities. Physical and sexual abuse of minors are pervasive societal problems, and only concerted and sustained efforts by all adults in every segment of society can help to protect children and youth. In the 2023 Pennsylvania statewide report there were 5,129 substantiated reports of child abuse. 1,749 or 34.1% of the substantiated reports were for sexual abuse, 1,350 were physical abuse. Parents remain the persons most responsible for abuse of their children. *To report child abuse, call Childline at 1-800-932-0313 (anytime 24/7). For particular questions on reporting abuse in the Diocese of Erie, you may call the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.*

**Mark Your Calendar for the 2025**

**Wedding Anniversary Celebrations**

Mark Your Calendars for the 2025 Wedding Anniversary Celebration with Bishop 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. Mark Your Calendars!

**Priesthood**

**Question:**

If someone is interested in becoming a priest, how does he go about it?

**Answer:**

Discerning a vocation can happen in any number of ways. It might come as a surprise to the person called or to family or friends. Sometimes it is a gradual process, and other times it is as quick and bright as lightning. Regardless of how it starts, a vocation to the priesthood or religious life requires a process of discerning, testing, and preparing. The best place to begin would be with lots of prayer, receiving the sacraments, and attending daily Mass whenever possible. Then talk to your pastor or a priest you know and trust. Your diocese may have a vocation director who can provide you with guidance and information. The Serra Club is also a great resource for information and contacts to help you discern if indeed God is calling you.

Remember that many young Catholic men have considered the priesthood. Some are ordained and others realize this is not their calling. However, we are all called to be of service to others as we practice our faith. These are extraordinary times in which we live, and they require an extraordinary witness to faith and to God's presence in the world. Our work, our ministry as Catholics, is to be the body of Christ with and for others. The Church needs priests. If God calls you to ordained service in the church, He will provide the grace, direction, and support you need. Just listen and respond with all your heart, mind, and soul.

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**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 6***

My dear parish family:

When we meditate on the Seven Last Words of Jesus, we gain a deeper insight into the spirituality of the Cross. That is how we must look at and contemplate the Cross – not as a method of torture as the Romans did, nor as a symbol of death or the end. The Cross – the Triumphant and Holy Cross is the starting line of a spiritual journey for the Christian, as it was for Christ on the first Good Friday. In these “last words,” Jesus gives us direction to the very end of His earthly life. He is completing His journey to the eternal Kingdom He spoke of in His three-year public ministry, and His words give us ways to love Him and our loving and merciful God – His Father and Our Father – as we stand at the foot of the Cross.

In the dictionary, there is a word – *penultimate* – it means “next to the last.” Thus, our journey to Good Friday and the Savior of all humankind uttering His Last Words is nearly upon us. Therefore, we hear the weakened whisper of Jesus say His penultimate word.....

#### **The Sixth Word** ***“IT IS FINISHED.”*** *(John 19: 30)*

What a relief Jesus must have felt when the mission of His Passion, the most gruesome moments of His earthly life, yet the most important task ever assigned on the face of the earth, was almost at its completion. Yet like Jesus, our own life and its mission is clearly not finished.



What, then, will we do with our time left on earth before, God willing, we pass through the gates of heaven that Christ opened for us by completing His mission on the wood of the Cross? What's next? Easter – Resurrection is next for Jesus and indeed for all of us who follow, listen, obey, and imitate Him. Nevertheless, whatever our circumstances or situations are at present, we acknowledge and accept that our journey on earth has an end, as did Jesus Christ on the Cross.

As the apostle Saint Paul reminds us, we "walk by faith, not by sight." It is our faith in the Risen Jesus that leads us to see that our loved ones are called, as we all are, to cross over the waters of death into God's heavenly kingdom. Our loved ones and friends who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, who are born to eternal life now, pray for us while we still await the endless joy and happiness of eternity. Their mission is not yet finished. Our mission is not complete. The Crucified Jesus and Risen One, continues to show us the way.

Traveling the road of faith together with Jesus is just beginning. The Cross that we will soon kiss on Good Friday is not pointing toward Easter. It is not the signpost for the journey *to* Easter. It is the way – the sign – the doorway to Eternal Life! Finished? Not yet!

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

*Father Justin*