

St. Leo Magnus

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER + GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

APRIL 26, 2026

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:15 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Daily Mass

Tuesdays: 6 pm

Wednesdays - Saturday: 8:30 am

Saturday: 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



“The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures He gives me repose; beside restful waters He leads me; He refreshes my soul.”

Psalm 23: 1

Mass Intentions



Saturday, April 25, 2026 + Easter Weekday

- 8:00 am **Rosary**
- 8:30 am **Andrew Horezga** (Jim & Theresa McLaughlin)
- 9:00 am **Confession**

Saturday, April 25, 2026 + Vigil for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 5:15 pm **Phil Mitchell** (Peggy Mitchell)

Sunday, April 26, 2026 + Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 am **Linda Gier** (Family)
- 10:00 am **Sanita Tettis** (Mike & Karen Tettis)

Tuesday, April 28, 2026 + Easter Weekday

- 9:00 am - 6:00 pm **ADORATION**
- 6:00 pm **Barbara Metelski** (Family)

Wednesday, April 29, 2026 + Saint Catherine of Siena

- 8:30 am **Deceased members of the Loughery & Foley Families**
- 4:00 - 6:00 pm **Confession**



Thursday, April 30, 2026 + Easter Weekday

- 8:30 am **The People of Saint Leo Parish**
- 9:00 am - 6:00 pm **ADORATION**

Friday, May 1, 2026 + Saint Joseph the Worker

- 8:30 am **Dominic & Elvira Justice** (Mary Theresa Cianca)

Saturday, May 2, 2026 + Saint Athanasius

- 8:00 am **Rosary**
- 8:30 am **William Miller, 32nd anniv.** (Dolores Miller)
- 9:00 am **Confession**

Saturday, May 2, 2026 + Vigil for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 5:15 pm **Irvin & Alice Malacarne** (Susan & Carl Ginther)

Sunday, May 3, 2026 + Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 am **William & Mary Lou Fleming** (Pat Fleming)
- 10:00 am **David Steis** (Peg Nearing)

Pope Paul VI called the Mass:

**"THE MOST PERFECT FORM OF PRAYER."
Offering Mass for our loved ones is an honored way to
unite ourselves in prayer with those we have loved.**

*The Sanctuary Candle before the
Blessed Sacrament will burn this week
In Thankfulness for an answered prayer*



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

READINGS: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER #832

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



**Pope Leo XIV Prayer Intention for April
FOR PRIESTS IN CRISIS**

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

*The wine and hosts for April have been donated
in loving memory of
Tony and Molly Marzella
By Jeff and Sonya Marzella*

Liturgical Ministries Week of May 2 & 3

	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Minister	Lector
Sat, 5/2 5:15 pm	P & MC Messineo	H Bish	Check your Schedule
Sun, 5/3 8:00 am	P Washburn MJ Bish	M Detwiler	Check your Schedule
Sun, 5/3 10:00 am	CC MacDonald H Leuschel	A Messineo S Leuschel T Buck	Check your Schedule
Money Counters	Team #1	Altar Guild (5/1)	Group 7 Pew 3

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.

Parish Stewardship

April 19, 2026

April 19, 2026	CSA, 2026
Offering.....\$ 5,590	Pledges.....\$25,390
Goal.....\$ 9,168	Goal.....\$61,135

Thank you for your Generosity

Online Giving

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Savior this Easter, we invite you to consider offering a gift to Saint Leo Magnus. Your generosity during this sacred season helps us continue our mission and support our community. Head over to our parish website to make a one-time donation or set up automated, recurring giving for the entire year. It's quick and easy when you visit our online giving page www.stleomagnus.org. It's quick, easy, and convenient. We sincerely appreciate your generosity and support. Your contributions are a genuine blessing, and we are profoundly thankful for your kindness.

Ways to Remember

There are many ways to memorialize both living and deceased family and friends:

Mass - \$10/requested date

Candles: Sanctuary, Saint Leo, Saint John of God - \$20/week

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.

Baptism Preparation Class Schedule

Apr 29, 2026	6:00 pm	St. Leo, Ridgway	814-772-3135
May 21, 2026	6:30 pm	St. Mary's, St. Marys	814-781-1019
June 2, 2026	6:30 pm	Queen of the World, St. Marys	814-834-4701

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

Bulletin Deadline - April 28st for the May 3rd bulletin

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

Weekly Wisdom from our Holy Father

“We experience the Lord’s companionship above all in our relationship with him, in prayer, in listening to his word that sets our hearts ablaze like it did to the hearts of the two disciples. This takes place especially in the celebration of the Eucharist. It is here that we encounter God. For this reason, we must always be vigilant regarding those forms of traditional religiosity that certainly belong to the roots of your culture, but at the same time risk confusing and mixing magical and superstitious elements that do not aid your spiritual journey. Remain faithful to what the Church teaches, trust your pastors, and keep your gaze fixed on Jesus, who reveals himself in the word and in the Eucharist. In both we experience that the risen Lord walks beside us.”

**Pope Leo XIV
Sunday Homily in Angola
during his Apostolic Journey in Africa
19 April 2026**



Cancel the Cold

*†We Remember in our prayers†
April 25
Facchine & Zamerowski Families*

Marriage Preparation Schedule

Saturday, July 11 St. Mark Catholic Center, Erie 8:00a-6:00p; Mass included RSVP 814-824-1216	Sunday, September 6 Our Lady of Mercy, Harborcreek 8:00a-5:00p Mass included RSVP 814-899-5342
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BENEDICTINE GIFT SHOP
MOTHERS DAY ONE DAY ONLY SALE
20% OFF EVERYTHING!
SATURDAY, MAY 9TH 10A-2P

BOOK CLUB

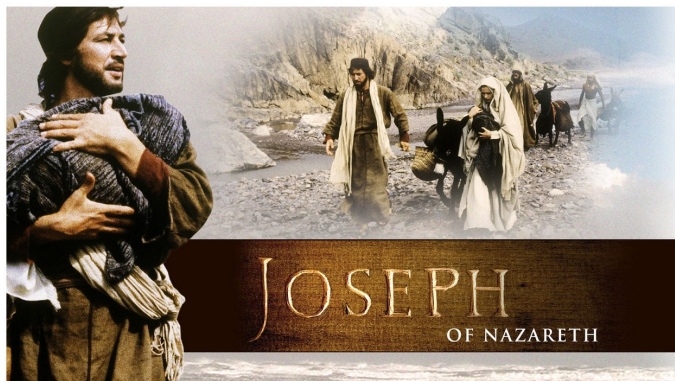
We're reading "Discernment" by Fr. Henry Nouwen. Meetings will be held at Sacred Heart Parish Center on Wednesdays for 5-6 weeks starting April 29th from 4-6 pm. If your interested or have questions, contact Rita Kraus @ 814-594-7510.

INNOCENT VICTIMS OF ABORTION

Ecumenical Memorial Service will be held May 12 at noon. St. Marys Cemetery. Bring lawn chair. Sponsored by Elk County Right to Life Maternity Closet.

CELEBRATING AMERICA 250 IN SONG

Concert Choir of Elk County will host this event at the Red Fern in St. Marys May 15 & 16 at 6:00 pm. Tickets \$40/person include dinner. Tickets can be purchased at ECCOTA, Ridgway.



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 free Formed subscription for you! Simply scan the QR code or visit formed.org/signup to create your account and select our parish to get free access to this content and much more!



An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH: BE VIGILANT:

Keeping kids safe starts with all of us. Pay attention to how people interact with children – and speak up if something feels off. Notice the signs of abuse, take them seriously and report concerns right away. If you see behavior that seems inappropriate or just doesn't feel right, don't ignore it. Reporting could prevent harm. Have questions about warning signs or what's considered inappropriate? Call the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.

Millions of Monicas

Like St. Monica, we pray for our children in need of God's mercy and a return to the Church.
A new Millions of Monicas prayer group is beginning at St. Leo Magnus Church.

We will meet Wednesdays at 6 pm beginning May 6th. Women are invited to gather for one hour of guided prayer, which always includes a Rosary. All women are welcome. Many who come are mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and confirmation sponsors, following the example of St. Monica in her perseverance in prayer. This is not a support group, and no sensitive information is shared.

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PRESCHOOL IN SPACE

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OUR PRESCHOOL CLASSES RECENTLY FINISHED THEIR WEEK-LONG UNIT ON SPACE TO CELEBRATE THE SUCCESS OF THE ARTEMIS II MISSION!

OUR PRES CLASS LOVED THE SPACE SHIP AND WORKED ON LEARNING HOW TO TAKE TURNS. THEY MADE MOONS, THE EARTH AND A ROCKET FROM SHAPES. THEY SHOWED CREATIVITY WHILE FOLLOWING SIMPLE DIRECTIONS AND HAD A LOT OF FUN TOGETHER!

OUR PREK CLASS' ACTIVITIES INCLUDED CONSTRUCTING ASTRONAUT HELMETS FROM THEIR DRESS-UP CLOTHES. LOTS OF FUN IN THEIR SPACESHIP, LEARNING HOW TO SAY "ASTRONAUT" AND "ROCKET" IN SIGN LANGUAGE, CREATING A MOON AND EARTH, A ROCKET BLAST OFF AND BALLON ROCKET LAUNCH, CREATING ROCKETS FROM THE SHAPES THEY KNOW, AND OPENING ASTEROIDS TO FIND NUMBERS AND THEN PUTTING THEM IN ORDER.

WHAT A FUN WEEK!!



PRAY FOR MORE
VOCATIONS

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ELK COUNTY VETERANS ADVOCATES NETWORK

in conjunction with Second Harvest Food Bank of NW PA has announced their first Elk County Military Share distribution to be held on Wednesday, May 27th at the Christian Foodbank on S. Michael Rd, St. Marys at 11:00 AM for eligible Elk County families with at least one qualifying military service member including surviving widows. The Military Share program provides military families with fresh, frozen, and non-perishable food items. Please pre-register by calling 2nd Harvest at 814-459-3663 x117 to ensure enough food will be delivered."

From the Pastor's Desk

My dear parish family:

The late Pope Benedict XVI, back in 2011 reflected on the twenty-third psalm and Jesus, as our Good Shepherd. In part he reminds us of how Jesus looks after us – His sheep, His flock. And I quote Benedict:



“He tends us, looks after us as precious possessions, ready to defend us, to guarantee our well-being and enable us to live a peaceful life. We can lack nothing as long as the shepherd is with us. The Psalmist refers to this experience by calling God our shepherd and letting God lead us to safe pastures: ‘He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.’”

On this Fourth Sunday of Easter, Jesus is saying that He is the Good Shepherd and that He cares for His sheep. Yes, He knows us by name. He takes a personal interest in every human soul! He does not see us as someone else’s business. Furthermore, Jesus tells us that He is willing to lay down His life for the sheep – for you and for me. We just experienced this during Holy Week, when Jesus’ promise, declaration, and mission come to fruition right before us – *There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for another.*

A Greek author once wrote a story about the Crucifixion. Not based on any Scriptural account or historical/archaeological evidence, it’s a fictional account; but he talks of the Devil slithering like a serpent up the back side of the Cross, out of view of everyone. The Devil has come to issue Jesus one last temptation, like he tried in the desert that we hear at the start of every Lent, as we hear at the start of Lent. The Devil whispered in Jesus’ ear as He was dying, “O come on Jesus, look at them. They are not worth all this suffering. Give them what they deserve, give them hell.” And Jesus says, “No, I would rather die than stop loving them!” That fictional story tells us a great truth though – a truth, not fiction: that Jesus would rather die than stop loving us. Yes, there is absolutely no limit to God’s love. There is no enemy, darkness or sin that can take us out of His hand; and there is no way He will stop caring for us. Again, no matter what we do to one another and ourselves, the Good Shepherd does not discriminate. He is the God of the Jews, and Samaritans, and Gentiles. The God of rejects, lepers, and thieves. The God of you and me, and those we call “them or those people.” Jesus is the Good Shepherd who knows all of us by name and wants us all back, with Him, in heaven.

That is our life’s journey – our Catholic Christian journey – our vocational journey. My friends, someone is listening right now. They are listening to the whisper of God, as He calls them (calls you and me) to be a more committed Catholic Christian every day. Some are called to be a husband or wife in marriage – as a parent – as a priest, religious sister or deacon – as someone who is lost like a sheep in the wilderness and needs to find home? Think about that. Pray about that. Carry that question with you as you reflect on the Gospel. As we mark Good Shepherd Sunday, let us pray for *all* vocations—and the vocation each of us has as a Catholic Christian – a person of faith – a constant and consistent witness for the Risen Jesus Christ! Yes, let us reflect on what our Good Shepherd has shown us and taught; and the example He has given us.

How can we – you and me – lay down our lives for one another – for the God, who becomes one of us, dies and restores our eternal life? Mindful of the Good Shepherd’s words in the today’s Gospel: “I came so that they [us] might have life and have it more abundantly.” ***Happy Easter – for the encounters with the Risen Lord continues!***

Father Justin