

St. Leo Magnus

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

MARCH 29, 2026

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Sat. Vigil: 5:15 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Daily Mass

Tuesdays: 6 pm with **Rosary at 5:45 pm**

Wednesdays - Fridays: 8:30 am and 6:00 pm

Saturdays - 8:30 am

Saturdays: **Rosary is recited at 8:00 am**

Holy Day Masses

Evening before: 6:00 pm

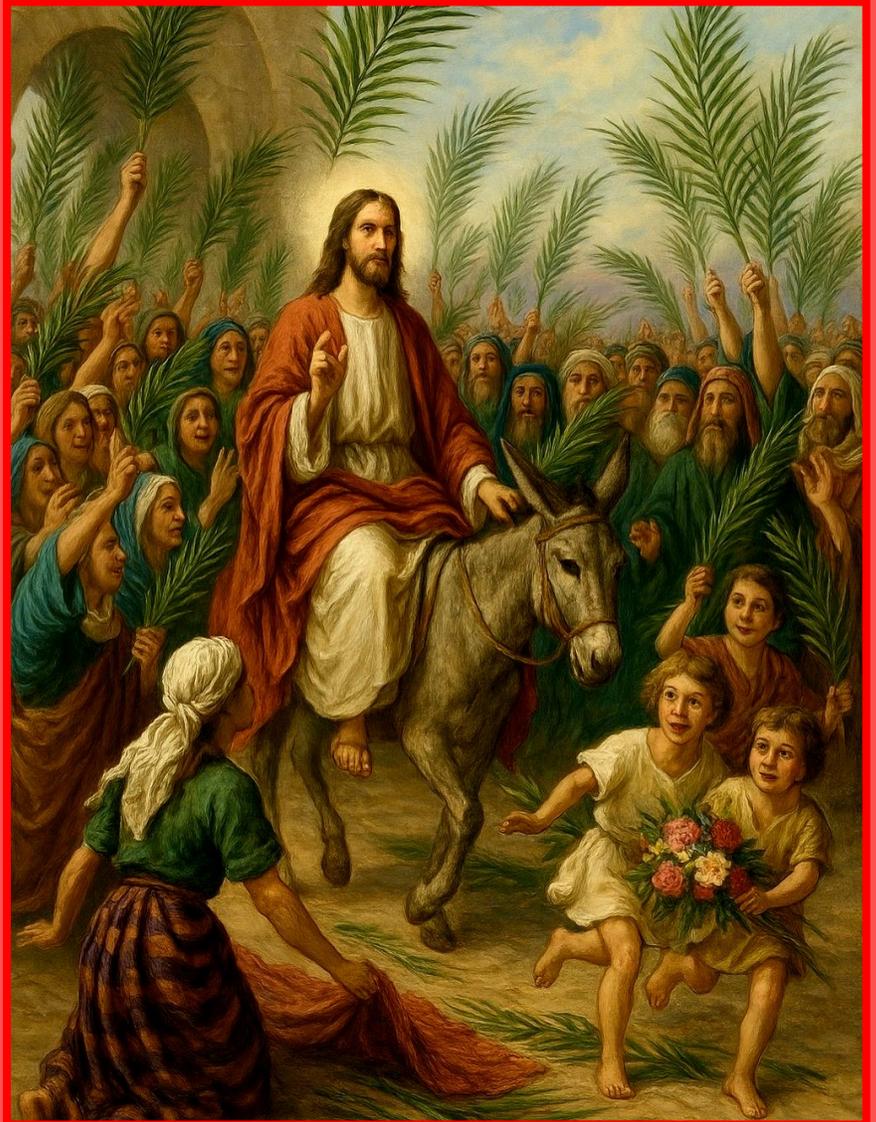
On the day: 8:30 am & 12:05 pm

Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)

Wednesdays: 4-6 pm & Saturdays: 9 am

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays + Thursdays: 9 am - 6 pm



HOLY WEEK BEGINS!

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor
to You Redeemer King!*

Mass Intentions



Saturday, March 28, 2026 + Lenten Weekday

8:00 am **ROSARY**

8:30 am **Shirley Rupprecht** (Jan Wonderly and family)

9:00 am **CONFESSION - LAST OPPORTUNITY AT ST. LEO BEFORE EASTER**

Saturday, March 28, 2026 + Vigil for Palm Sunday of the

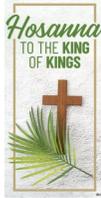
Passion of the Lord

5:15 pm **The People of Saint Leo Parish**

Sunday, March 29, 2026 + Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 am **Steve Gausman** (Phil Quattrone)

10:00 am **Jim Facchine** (Family)



Monday, March 30, 2026 + Monday of Holy Week

1:00 pm The Chrism Mass St. Peter Cathedral, Erie

The Mass will be live streamed on the Cathedral Youtube channel

Tuesday, March 31, 2026 + Tuesday of Holy Week

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

5:45 PM ROSARY

6:00 pm **The People of Saint Leo Parish**

Wednesday, April 1, 2026 + Wednesday of Holy Week

8:30 am **Cyndi Aiello** (Michael & Lucy Gelsick)

1:00 pm SOUP + STATIONS + SCRIPTURAL

JOURNEY THROUGH THE MASS

6:00 pm Tenebrae: SERVICE OF SHADOWS



Thursday, March 26, 2026 + Thursday of Holy Week

7:00 pm Joseph and Janice Casolo (Family)

Mass of the Lord's Supper with the Washing of the Feet

Friday, March 27, 2026 + Friday of the Passion of the Lord

9:00 am Stations of the Cross

1:00 pm The Commemoration of the Lord's Passion & Death Liturgy

Saturday, April 4, 2026 + The Solemn Mass of the Great Easter Vigil

8:30 pm **The Max S. Bauer Family** (Molly Fernan)

Sunday, April 5, 2026 + The Resurrection of the Lord

8:00 am **The People of Saint Leo Parish**

10:00 am **Josh Reynolds** (Dave and Lucy Bobby)



*The Sanctuary Candle before the Blessed Sacrament will burn this week
In memory of **Genevieve Stanley**
by Kilhoffer Family.*



READINGS: 823 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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.*

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The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, J.C.L.
Bishop of Erie



Pope Leo XIV Prayer Intention for March **FOR DISARMAMENT AND PEACE**

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

*The wine and hosts for March have been donated
in loving memory of
Dr. and Mrs. William Thompson
Michael Thompson
By the Thompson Family*

Liturgical Ministries Holy Week, April 2 - 5

	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Minister	Lector
Thu, 4/2 7:00 pm	J Nicklas S & S Tettis	M Facchine	1 Volunteer
Fri, 4/3 1:00 pm	L & P Bobnar	J Allenbaugh	2 Volunteers
Sat, 4/4 8:30 pm	N, P & T Washburn	JP MacDonald	T Bishop
Sun, 4/5 8:00 am	E Leuschel O Buck	M Detwiler	WJ Fernan
Sun, 4/5 10:00 am	J Hoyle D LaBenne	C Leader A Messineo S Leuschel	C Tutton
Money Counters	Team #1 (4/7)	Altar Guild (4/3)	Group 3 Pew 5

Parish Stewardship

March 22, 2026	CSA, 2026
Offering.....\$10,198	Pledges.....\$20,780
Goal.....\$ 9,168	Goal.....\$61,135

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

ADDITIONAL MASS INTENTIONS MAY NOW BE REQUESTED

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

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.

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 7th for the April 12th bullet

Wednesdays during Lent the Parish Office will close for lunch from 1 - 2 pm so we may attend Lenten Devotions

St. Leo Magnus Church

Parish Office Hours

9 am - noon & 1-4 pm	Monday - Thursday
Ph:814-772-3135	secretary@stleomagnus.org

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR YOUR CEMETERY NEEDS

Weekly Wisdom from our Holy Father

“Brothers and sisters, we too are healed by the love of Christ and are called to live our faith with open eyes. Faith is not a blind act, a forsaking of reason or a retreat into some sort of religious certainty that causes us to turn our gaze away from the world. On the contrary, faith helps us to see things as Jesus himself sees them, with his own eyes: it is a participation in his way of seeing. In this sense, faith is an invitation to open our eyes, as the Lord did, especially towards the suffering of others and the afflictions of the world. Today, in a particular way, in the face of the many questions of the human heart, as well as the tragic situations of injustice, violence and suffering that mark our time, it is essential that our faith be alert, attentive and prophetic. It should likewise open our eyes to the darkness of the world, and bring to others the light of the Gospel through our commitment to peace, justice and solidarity.”

**Pope Leo XIV
Angelus Message – 15 March 2026**



CEMETERY CLEAN UP!

We're getting ready to clean up the cemetery so mowing can begin. If you'd like to help pick up debris, call the parish office. This is a very easy and enjoyable way to contribute

Marriage Preparation Schedule

Sunday, April 19
St. James, Erie
9am-5pm, Mass included
RSVP 814-899-6178

Fri & Sat, April 24 & 25
Our Lady of Peace, Erie
Fri, 5p-9p & Sat, 9a-1p
No Mass included
RSVP 814-833-7701

St. Leo Fish Fry

Fridays during Lent
 4:30 - 6:30 St. Leo
 Social Hall
 Eat In or Take Out
 Cost: \$14.75
 Call 814-772-4705
 to order take-out



ST. JOSEPH, FORCE FISH DINNERS

Ash Wednesday and Fridays during Lent from noon - 6:30 pm. We offer Fantail Shrimp, Haddock Fish (baked/fried), and Pastor's Platter (Fish, Shrimp and Clam Strips) Eat in or Take out. Call 814-787-4151.

ST. BONIFACE LENTEN FISH FRY

Sponsored by Kersey K of C. Ash Wednesday & Every Friday during Lent. 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm in the St. Boniface Social Hall. Dinner Choices: Fried, Baked or Beer Battered Fish, Breaded or Sautéed Shrimp, Choice of 2 sides. Adults: \$16, Kids under 10: \$8.

LUNCH WITH THE LORD

Thursdays during Lent at Sacred Heart Parish Center. Lunch will be served at noon with a brief talk to follow. For reservations, please call 814-781-1019, ext #3.

WALKING WITH JESUS

St. Marys Catholic Elementary School presents Walking With Jesus - A journey with Jesus through the Lenten season in prayer, music, and faith. March 31 at 6 pm at Queen of the World Church.

MOTHER- DAUGHTER TEA

April 18th at Immaculate Conception Parish, Clarion or May 2nd at St. Mark Catholic Center, Erie. This is a special time to connect, talk about becoming a woman, prepare for puberty (for girls age then and older and their moms!) For more information and to sign up: <https://www.eriecatholic.org/chastity/tea.html>

CINCH TOURNAMENT

Sunday, April 26 at Sacred Heart Parish Center. Dinner @ 12:15, Play begins at 1:00 pm. Call Sharon @ 814-594-5594 to register. Benefits Relay For Life.

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.

Saint Leo Lent Devotions

STATIONS, SOUP AND A
 SCRIPTURAL JOURNEY THROUGH MASS
 Every Wednesday at 1 pm

Every Wednesday Fr. Justin will pray a different version of *The Way of the Cross* in Church. Then to the social hall for homemade soup from Fr. Justin's kitchen and reflection on the Biblical Foundations of the Mass.

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.

Lent Penance Schedule

Sun, March 29 2 pm St. Joseph, Force

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Mark Your Calendars for the 2026 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 year's celebrations will be held on Sunday, August 23, 2026, at St. George, Erie, 2:00 pm and Sunday, August 30, 2026, at St. Leo Magnus, Ridgway, 2:00 pm. The registration form and more information will be coming shortly. We look forward to celebrating this beautiful celebration with you in August 2026.



St. Leo School
 a Catholic,
 Classical
 Academy

SPOTLIGHT ON ST. LEO SCHOOL



STUDENTS AT SLS HAVE BEEN PREPARING THEIR HEARTS FOR EASTER THIS LENT IN MANY DIFFERENT WAYS. STATIONS OF THE CROSS, LENTEN LAPBOOKS, LENTEN ART PROJECTS, AND PRAYER & ADORATION ARE JUST SOME OF THE WAYS THAT OUR SCHOOL HAS BEEN HONORING GOD DURING THIS TIME OF REPENTANCE AND REFLECTION. THIS WEEK WE WILL PREPARE FOR HOLY WEEK AND THE PASSION, DEATH, AND GLORIOUS RESURRECTION OF JESUS. JOIN OUR SCHOOL FAMILY IN PRAYER THIS WEEK!



Cancel the Cold †We Remember in our prayers†

Arthur Cianca, Jr.	Dominic & Elvira Judice
Deceased of Judice-Boggia Families	Souls in Purgatory
Ron Swanson	Jane Judice
Joseph & Edith Fusco	Carl D. Lindberg

From the Pastor's Desk

My dear parish family:

When I was child, this was always a busy week. There were endless plans for the big meal next Sunday. Would it be Italian or Slovak? Some years, my brother Nathan and I would have new clothes – usually a couple sizes too big, so we could grow into them. My grandmother would be cleaning her house for company. There were eggs to dye and chocolate to look forward to melting and transforming into colossal peanut butter filled eggs. For many of us, it can still be time for planning. But before we get too caught up with next Sunday – Easter Sunday, we need this Sunday – Palm Sunday, the start of the holiest of all fifty-two weeks.

Yes, we need to remember. We need to remember that the crowd that cheered Jesus also condemned Him. We need to remember that the voices praising Him also called for His death. We need to remember that those who loved Him and promised loyalty, like the Apostles, also abandoned Him, denied Him, and betrayed Him.

While we may not want to admit it, Christ's Passion goes on today. The betrayal continues, in ways large and small. How often do we praise God on Sunday and then damn Him or those made in His image and likeness on Monday? How often do we shrug Him off when things become too difficult or the rules too hard or the demands of the Catholic life become too burdensome? How often do we treat love as just a sentiment for greeting cards, and not a command for living – every day? How often do we see suffering in the faces of those in need, and simply turn away in ignorance, fear, anger, or shame?

Our Lord and Redeemer, Jesus Christ, continues to bleed, weep and cry out, "*Why have you abandoned me?*" this Palm Sunday. Yes, He cries out to each one of us who listen to and participate in His Passion during the proclamation of the Passion in the Gospel this weekend and on Good Friday. We, along with the whole human race – the same human race – past, present and future – that He will save next Sunday on Easter, must hear and adore God in His human form hanging upon the Cross!

What do we do when we encounter him on the sidewalk and often go out of our way to avoid Him when we feel like He might make demands on our time? At work or school, we make jokes at His expense or spread gossip about Him or bully and harass Him. We cozy up and ingratiate ourselves to people who are more popular, or attractive, or influential – and barely give the "unimportant" person the time of day. Whether we realize it or not, we see Jesus every day! We read about Him in the newspapers, hear about him in the news, see Him suffering time and time again on social media. The Crucified Lord is everywhere! Yes, He is there in someone who is small, or neglected, or disrespected, or discarded. He is with the unwanted and unloved, the beaten, bleeding and abused.



Therefore, this week, especially today, are we the ones holding the palm branches rejoicing, or are we the ones with the hammer and nails?

We need this week. Our immortal souls need this week – this Sunday to hear Jesus' crying – begging – praying from the blood, sweat and tear-soaked wood of the Cross! We need these palms as a reminder and a challenge. These palms challenge us to *not* turn our back and walk away. They challenge us to *not* step over Christ or ignore Him. And they challenge us not only to remember what our sins have done to Him, but what He has done for us. That is what this Holy Week is about.

Before we look ahead to next Sunday, and the big plans and the big meal, let us look back to today – look at these palms – look at the face of the man on the Cross, who was crucified for our sins, so that we might be free. Yes, look at what we are called to do and who we are called to be – just like the Lord Jesus – crucified, so we can rise, with Him in seven days, again!

*Please join us for all our liturgies and devotions this week!
Have a blessed Holy Week!*

Father Justin