

St. Leo Magnus

Roman Catholic Church

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 1, 2026

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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



“And He was transfigured before them; His face shone like the sun and His clothes became white as light.”

Matthew 17: 2

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 28, 2026 + Lenten Weekday

- 8:00 am **ROSARY**
- 8:30 am **Sister Ann Loretta Urmann, SSJ** (Family)
- 9:00 am **CONFESSION**

Saturday, February 28, 2026 + Vigil for the Second Sunday of Lent

- 5:15 pm **Mary Margaret Facetti** (Family)

Sunday, March 1, 2026 + Second Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 am **Linda Giovanini** (Carol & Julie Bomba)
- 10:00 am **Living and deceased members of Saint Leo Parish**

Tuesday, March 3, 2026 + Lenten Weekday

- 9:00 am - 6:00 pm **ADORATION**
- 5:45 PM ROSARY**
- 6:00 pm **Edith Fedus** (Dave Giovanini)

Wednesday, March 4, 2026 + Lenten Weekday

- 8:30 am **Lucy Johnson** (Bill & Teddy Urmann)
- 1:00 pm SOUP + STATIONS + SCRIPTURAL JOURNEY THROUGH THE MASS**
- 6:00 pm **Cyndi Aiello** (Vic & Barb Aiello)
- 4:00-6:00 pm CONFESSION**

Thursday, March 5, 2026 + Lenten Weekday

- 8:30 am **Eugene Facchine** (Family)
- 6:00 pm **Pasqualina Butera** (Estate)
- 9:00 am - 6:00 pm ADORATION**

Friday, March 6, 2026 + Lenten Weekday

- 8:30 am **Bill Fannin** (Bill & Teddy Urmann)
- 6:00 pm **Steve Gausman** (Angela DeStefano)
- +SAINT JOHN OF GOD EVENINGS OF PRAYER +**
Mass followed by Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament with Rosary and devotions

Saturday, March 7, 2026 + Lenten Weekday

- 8:00 am **ROSARY**
- 8:30 am **Fred Wonderly** (Jan Wonderly & Family)
- 9:00 am **CONFESSION**

Saturday, March 7, 2026 + Vigil for the Third Sunday of Lent

- 5:15 pm **Toshio Kamiunten** (The Francis McDonough Family)
- +SAINT JOHN OF GOD EVENING OF PRAYER +**
Following the Vigil Mass, Adoration and Benediction with Veneration of the Relic of St. John of God and devotions

Sunday, March 8, 2026 + Third Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 am **Felcia Nelson** (Fr. Mark Groeger)
- 10:00 am **David Steis** (Dave & Lucy Bobby)
- +SAINT JOHN OF GOD DEVOTION, 10 AM +**
Sunday Mass with Anointing of the Sick and devotions.
Please, bring any number of family, friends or guests for anointing

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 March 7 & 8

	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Minister	Lector
Sat, 3/7 5:15 pm	H & T Bish	T Bish	T Bish
Sun, 3/8 8:00 am	J & P Bobnar	M Detwiler	J Allenbaugh
Sun, 3/8 10:00 am	D LaBenne J Tettis	N Hoffman C Leader A Messineo	D Paige
Money Counters	Team #2	Altar Guild (3/6)	Group 7 Pew 1

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



Readings: 811 Second Sunday of Lent - A

Parish Stewardship

February 22, 2026

Offering \$10,886

Goal \$ 9,168

Thank You

CSA, 2026

Pledges \$15,430

Goal \$61,135

#Contributors: 48

Online Giving

Visit our parish website, 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 when you visit our online giving page. Thank you 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

ADDITIONAL MASS INTENTIONS MAY NOW BE REQUESTED

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

Hosts and Wine - \$100/month

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

Mar 21, 2026 10:00 am Sacred Heart, St. Marys 814-781-1019

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

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

Bulletin Deadline - Submit by March 3 for March 8 bulletin

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

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CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR YOUR CEMETERY NEEDS

Weekly Wisdom from our Holy Father

“Where is their God?’ the peoples ask themselves. Yes, dear friends, history, and even more, our own conscience, asks us to call death for what it is, and to carry its marks within us while also bearing witness to the resurrection. We recognize our sins so that we can be converted; this is itself a sign and testimony of Resurrection. Indeed, it means that we will not remain among the ashes but will rise up and rebuild. Then the Easter Triduum, which we will celebrate as the summit of the Lenten journey, will unleash all its beauty and meaning. This will take place if we participate, through penance, in the passage from death to life, from powerlessness to the possibilities of God.”

**Pope Leo XIV
Homily for Ash Wednesday
18 February 2026**



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.

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

Saturday, July 11

St. Mark Catholic Center, Erie

8:00a-6:00p; Mass included

RSVP 814-824-1216

Mentor Cohort

Wednesdays

Feb 21 & 28, Mar 4 & 11

8 p-9:30p

RSVP 814-8241261

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.

ST. BONIFACE KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS

Breakfast Buffet March 1 from 8 am until 11:30 (sold out). Price \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 16 and under. All are invited to come and enjoy this breakfast buffet.

LENTEN RETREAT

Fr. Michael Ferrick will speak on the Practices of Lent-Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. March 8, 9 and 10 at 6:30 pm at Queen of the World Church, St. Marys.

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. Speaker for March 5th is Fr. Justin.

FLOCKNOTE

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US VIA EMAIL & TEXT!
TO SIGN UP STLEO TO 84576 OR STLEO.FLOCKNOTE.COM

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

Campaign of fasting, praying and community outreach is the worlds largest grass root movement to end abortion. St. Mary Church will hold a 40 Days rosary after Tuesday 8:30 am Mass and Sacred Heart Church will offer rosary on Fridays after 6:15 am Mass. 40 Days daily Prayer sheets are available in the gathering space at St. Leo.. For more information contact Mary Ross, 814-781-6867

The Sanctuary Candle before the Blessed Sacrament will burn this week in memory of Elizabeth Verbeck by her Family



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.



TURKEY DINNER!

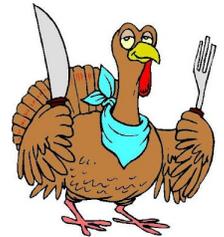
Hosted by Ridgway Knights of Columbus

Sunday, March 8

11:00 am until sold out

Cost: \$12

At the newly remodeled Knights Hall



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SPOTLIGHT ON ST. LEO SCHOOL

NO TECH RECESS

AT SLS, TECHNOLOGY IS NOT PERMITTED DURING RECESS, AND STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BUILD FRIENDSHIPS, CREATE, AND TAP FURTHER INTO THEIR GOD-GIVEN TALENTS. IN THESE PICTURES TAKEN DURING RECESS, YOU WILL SEE OUR STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN KNITTING CLUB WHERE THEY LEARN AND GROW IN THE ART OF KNITTING AND CROCHETING, LEARNING AND PLAYING CHESS, PLAYING GAMES SUCH AS CONNECT 4 AND UNO, BUILDING AND CREATING WITH PLAYDOUGH AND OTHER ACTIVITIES, AND COMPLETING JIGSAW PUZZLES.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT OUR CLASSICAL, LOW-TECH APPROACH TO LEARNING, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO CALL OR EMAIL US TO SCHEDULE A TOUR! JOIN THE MOVEMENT THAT HAS BEEN SWEEPING THE NATION AND REJECT THE GROWING PUSH FOR TECHNOLOGY AND AI.



Lent Penance Schedule

Tues, March 10	6 pm	St. Mark, Emporium
Thur, March 12	6 pm	Queen of the World, St. Marys
Mon, March 16	6 pm	Holy Rosary, Johnsonburg
Mon, March 23	6 pm	St. Mary, St. Marys
Thur, March 26	6 pm	St. Leo, Ridgway
Sun, March 29	2 pm	St. Joseph, Force

From the Pastor's Desk

THE PHANTOMS OF THE PASSION – THE SEQUEL

2026 Lenten Meditation Series + Part II – CAIAPHAS: *Blind in front of God*

My dear parish family:

Did Caiaphas truly realize what Christ was going to bring to the world? Did he understand that the high priesthood was about to change hands forever, from himself to Jesus? When we look at Caiaphas, through the Gospels, we see a man that wants to sustain his power and not want anything to change or challenge it. Ever feel that way? We don't like change or challenge to our supposed control of our lives. Caiaphas is not at all willing to *listen* to what Jesus is saying. Jesus is stirring things up; therefore, this troublesome itinerant preacher must go!

As Jesus endured His Passion, Death, and eventual Resurrection, Caiaphas was the high priest that year. As such, he had authority given to him by God. Although he used that authority in a way that pleased *himself*. Yet the authority was bigger than Caiaphas and led to that authority being used against God. Confused?

As the Sanhedrin (the official temple council) became more frightened of Jesus and the miracles that He was working. Yes, they were afraid that it would lead to their land being taken by the Romans because of political unrest. Caiaphas spoke up, *"You know nothing, nor do you consider that it is better for you that one man should die instead of the people, so that the whole nation does not perish."* Caiaphas may have only meant to state his case and plot to kill Jesus. However, John's Gospel says that there was more to it than that: *"He did not say this on his own, but since he was high priest for that year, he prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation, and not only for the nation, but also to gather into one the dispersed children of God."* (John 11:47-52) This is extremely malicious on Caiaphas' part when he spoke those words, but we know the hope that they truly contain – Jesus Christ did indeed die for us, so we would not perish.



As Mark records in his Gospel narrative, at Jesus' trial, Caiaphas does this: *"At that, the high priest tore his garments."* That does not sound like much, but if you read commentaries, the high priest's story becomes important. The Bible often associates tearing clothes with overwhelming sorrow or distress. Here the high priest disregards the law, which forbids priests to tear their vestments. The drama of Caiaphas tearing his sacred priestly clothing signifies the termination of the Temple priesthood. Jump ahead a few pages in the Passion: the seamless garment of Lord is not torn, but remains intact, signifying that the *new* priesthood of Jesus Christ will last forever. Indeed, it continues to this day, nearly 2,000 years later

Caiaphas was blind! He could not see the God, who he claimed to be High Priest for, right in front of his eyes. His own human imperfections made him blind to the beauty of Jesus Christ. Let us pray that we will truly see Christ this Lent – see Him in one another, especially the stranger and those in pain. Jesus must always be visible in others and in turn He must be seen by others in us. I hope Caiaphas realized what he had done and asked God – asked Jesus for forgiveness, because when we truly, honestly, and authentically from the heart ask for God's forgiveness – it is always granted!

*May these reflections help us keep our eyes fixed on Christ crucified,
who walks with us toward the joy of Easter!*

Father Justin