

St. Leo Magnus Roman Catholic Church

*A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust
A parish part of the Thirteen Counties of the Diocese of Erie*

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:15 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Daily Mass

Tuesday: 6:00 pm

Wednesday - Saturday: 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)

Wednesday: 4:00-6:00 pm & Saturday: 9:00 am

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday + Thursday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm



THE CHURCH IN AMERICA REJOICES!

*The Beatification of
His Excellency The Most Reverend
ARCHBISHOP FULTON SHEEN
(1895 - 1979)*

*Tune in on Television or Streaming
This Thursday + 24 September 2026*

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 19, 2026 + Votive Mass for Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am John & Maria Viglione (John Viglione)

Saturday, September 19, 2026 + Vigil for Twenty-fifth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

5:15 pm Adam Karpinski (Ruth Steis)

Sunday, September 20, 2026 + Twenty-fifth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

8:00 am Francis Nearing (Family)

10:00 am Les & Onie Stilwell (McDonson Family)

Tuesday, September 22, 2026 + Weekday

6:00 pm Rayetta Lindberg (Cursillo #231 O.L.P.)

Wednesday, September 23, 2026 + Saint Pius of Pietrelcina

8:30 am Marshall Armanini (Family)

Thursday, September 24, 2026 + Weekday

8:30 am Souls in Purgatory (Jeff McDonson)

Friday, September 25, 2026 + Weekday

8:30 am Living and Deceased members of Saint Leo Parish

Saturday, September 26, 2026 + Votive Mass for Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am Steve "Bush" Buck (Frank Viola)

Saturday, September 26, 2026 + Vigil for Twenty-sixth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

5:15 pm Bob Connacher (Carol Connacher)

Sunday, September 27, 2026 + Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Amos & Jean Gier (Susie & Chris Klase)

10:00 am Kathleen Ferraro (Betty, Ella & Paula)

READINGS: Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time #925

*The wine and hosts for September have been donated in
loving memory of*

Jim Manno & Sam Benigni
by Virginia Manno

Pope Leo XIV

Prayer Intention for September

FOR THE CARE OF WATER

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a
vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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



Diocese of Erie
ROMAN CATHOLIC

*The Saint John of God Candle
burns this week in honor of
Sister Lucille DeStefano, SSJ
who celebrates 80 years of service with
the Sisters of Saint Joseph
by Mary Detwiler*

Spiritual Opportunities this Week

Tuesday, September 22

9:00am - 6:00pm Adoration of the
Most Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, September 23

4:00 - 6:00pm Confession
6:00 pm Millions of Monicas

Thursday, September 24

9:00am - 6:00pm Adoration of the
Most Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, September 26

8:00 am Rosary
9:00 am Confession

Saint Leo Parish offers our prayers and sympathies to the family of
Marion (Shauer) Pino
May she, and all the faithful departed rest in eternal peace.

Online Giving

As summer winds down and routines begin to shift, your consistent support helps our parish stay strong in ministry and mission. Online giving makes it easy to stay connected—even when you're on the go. Visit www.stleomagnus.org to set up a one-time or recurring gift. It's secure, simple, and helps us continue serving our parish community all year long. Thank you for your generosity, your faithfulness, and the many ways you bless our church family.

Parish Support

September 13, 2026

Operating income	\$6,727
Budget	\$9,153

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

Oct. 10, 2026 10:00 am Sacred Heart, St. Marys
814.781.1019

**Be Sure to call ahead to reserve your spot

Submit by Sept. 22 for the Sept. 27 bulletin

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

WEEKLY WISDOM FROM OUR HOLY FATHER

"First of all, remain with Jesus. Among the many things you will be called to do as Bishops, this is the most important. We are Bishops, but we are first and foremost disciples. To speak of Him, we need to be with Him; to lead His people, we must allow ourselves to be guided by Him every day. 'He appointed twelve, whom he called apostles' to be with Him, and to be sent out to preach' (Mk 3:14). This is the order of the Gospel: to be with Him and, through Him, to be sent out. Let us never forget this."

Pope Leo + Remarks to New Bishops + 9/10/2026



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Liturgical Ministries September 26/27, 2026

	Saturday 5:15	Sunday 8:00 am	Sunday 10:00 am
Altar Servers	Washburns	O Buck MC Messineo	S & S Tettis
Eucharistic Ministers	N or H Nicklas	D Richards	N Hoffman A Messineo K Gerber
Lectors	J Challingsworth	N Hoffman	L Caggese

Money Counters - Sept. 28 - Team #4
Altar Guild - Sept. 25 - Group 4, Pew 6



Faith Communities Continue

At St. Leo's, Small Faith Groups continue throughout the year. Small Faith Communities reflect on Scripture as the way to imitate Christ in daily life. What is God's will for us? **Interested?** Please call Mary Detwiler (814-389-2057), Theresa McLaughlin (631-905-7052), or Molly Fernan (814-335-2226).

CD of A MEMBERS

The September Meeting/Tureen Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, **September 22** at 6:30 pm in the Social Hall. Feel free to bring your favorite side dish or dessert to accompany the main entree. We look forward to seeing you!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Campaign from Sept. 23rd until Nov. 1st. It is an International Campaign of Prayer and Fasting to end Abortion. 40 Days Rosary will be held after 8:30 am Mass on Tuesdays at St. Marys Church and after 6:15 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church on Fridays during the campaign. 40 Days For Life daily prayer sheets will be available at all Church entrances.

PADRE PIO BUS TRIP

CD of A Court #95 is hosting a bus trip to the National Center for Padre Pio on Tuesday, Sept. 29th. The bus will depart at 5:30 am and return by 10 pm. Cost \$80. Contact Lori @ 814-594-3972 to register.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

If you are interred in participating in the placement of the wreaths on December 19, please reach out to the Parish Office.

SACRED HEART BINGO

Friday, October 2, 2026. Doors open at 4 pm. Free Lunch served at 5:30 pm. Early Bird games begin at 6:30 pm. Questions call the parish office @ 814-781-1019.

HEALING RETREAT

October 4, 2026 at St. Joseph Church, Force. 2:00 - 5:00 pm. Come pray for Christ's healing with Fr. Mark Mastrain, Fr. Michael Scanga, Deacon Dan Satterlee and Dr. Jan Satterlee. To register call 814-787-4151. Free event.

ST. BONIFACE K OF C BREAKFAST

The St. Boniface Knights will serve a Buffet Breakfast on Sunday, October 4th from 8 am until 11:30 (sold out). Price is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 16 and under. All are invited to come and enjoy this breakfast buffet.

ELK COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE - LIFE CHAIN

Life Chain is a peaceful, prayerful National ProLife Campaign of individuals praying for 1 hour to end Abortion. The event is Oct. 4th from 1 - 2 pm in downtown St. Marys. Participants are invited to gather at the St. Marys K of C on Washington St. at 12:45 where prayer signs will be handed out.

SACRED HEART FALL DINNER

Drive-thru dinner of Stuffed Chicken Breast or Stuffed Pork Chops. Thursday, Oct. 8th from 4-5:30 pm. Pre-order only by Oct. 2nd. Call 814-781-1019.

BEAT THE HEAT/CANCEL THE COLD

+ PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS +

Deceased members of the Judice-Boggia Families,
Ron Swanson, Sis Geitner, Genevieve Stanley,
Mary Foley



25TH ANNIVERSARY
SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

ST. LEO MAGNUS
PRAYER SERVICE



WORD MADE FLESH
Altar Server Retreat
SATURDAY, OCT. 17
St. Tobias, Brockway - FREE

Come closer to God by serving at *His* altar. Altar servers in grades 6 - 12 are invited to experience a day of faith, friendship and formation at the Word Made Flesh Altar Server Retreat on Saturday, October 17. Grow in your love for the Mass, meet other altar servers from across the diocese and deepen your relationship with Christ. Free to attend—registration required.

 **REGISTER HERE** 

Help form the next generation of disciples. Make your gift today. Scan the QR code or visit ErieRCD.org.



MILLIONS OF MONICAS
*One Hour
One Purpose
Our Children*

We will meet
Wednesday
September 23
from 6-7 pm.

Come.
Pray for
our children

From the Pastor's Desk

BLESSED IN AMERICA:

Summer Reflection Series on those Beatified from the United States

Week 10 of 10: Archbishop Fulton John Sheen (1895 – 1979)

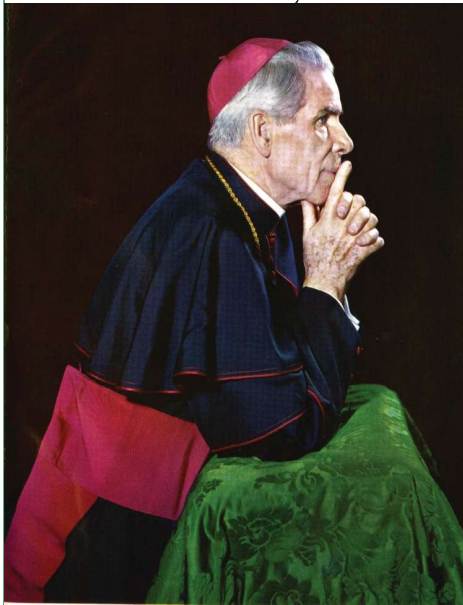
***To be beatified on 24 September 2026**

My dear parish family:

Now we wait this week for the Catholic bishop who won an Emmy award to be declared blessed!

One of my priest professors in seminary – who was preparing us to be confessors – to hear people's confession and walk with them into the beauty of God's unconditional mercy – told us in class that when we first hear children's confessions, it will be like what an archbishop once quipped. The archbishop was speaking about hearing nuns' confessions, but it fits with kids too. His Excellency the Archbishop said, "it's liking being stoned to death with popcorn!" That was Fulton Sheen, who this Thursday will be officially named Blessed Fulton Sheen in a solemn liturgy in Indianapolis. I plan to watch it on TV or online. I suggest you set the time aside also.

Fulton (born Peter) Sheen was the first televangelist! He started in writing newspaper columns – then he loved to the radio – and finally ended up hosting an Emmy award winning television series called *Life in Worth Living!* He spoke of everything, from communication to love, to politics and society, always with kindness and humor, hence, the popcorn filled confessional commentary! For the first time, a Catholic voice opened the door to millions of people (Catholics and non-Catholics watched and loved his TV show) viewing faith as not something that we take out of a box on Sunday only, but that we walk around with as a Catholic all the time. If Fulton Sheen was still alive today, he would be a social media superstar. He would rack up more followers than scores of Hollywood celebrities. Why? Because he spoke the truth! And that truth – the witness of Fulton Sheen – the witness we as modern-day apostles of Jesus Christ is as true and needed today more than ever.



Sheen's message still speaks to us today, especially to the younger generation (Gen Z as they are more commonly known out in society) who are hyperaware of phonies and sales pitches but are desperately in need to find value in their lives. The message of soon to be Blessed Fulton Sheen can lead them and all of us to discover, rediscover, and share the values of the Gospel – values, teachings, and ways to find God that so many in our culture have either forgotten or refuse to believe.

If you have never seen Fulton Sheen, go on YouTube and find him this week. You can't watch him without thinking that he is speaking from his heart directly to you. That is how timeless the truth he preached back when television was in black and white – the message of God's love that he still preaches today. Archbishop Sheen's traditional vestments, booming voice (with the obvious hint of an Irish brogue) and polished delivery are unmistakably of another era – a far cry from the more "dressed-down or informal" Catholicism that many people encounter today. Yet there is something compelling about the sheer lack of casualness. The elegance of Sheen's vestments and the theatricality of his delivery don't seem to disguise his message; if anything, they reinforce the seriousness with which he approached the faith.

Next weekend, the Church will call him Blessed Fulton Sheen, and we need his intercession to be serious about our Catholic faith – not just on Sundays or Saturday evenings – but 24/7, 365 days (sometimes 366) a year, until God calls us home to Heaven.

He was fiery without being cruel, polished without seeming artificial and uncompromising without losing sight of the audience in front of him. Yes, Fulton Sheen, taught us then and now, that centering our homes, our marriages, our families, our schools – *everything* – around God is our duty, our mission, our life as disciples of Jesus Christ. As he signed off after each of his broadcasts and as I have closed each of these weekly reflections, let's go forward together and share Fulton Sheen's simple phrase: **GOD LOVE YOU!** Say it! Share it! Believe it without any doubt!

Father Justin