

# St. Leo Magnus

## Roman Catholic Church

*A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust  
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*Faithful Witnesses of Christ's Gospel since 1874*

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 28, 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

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

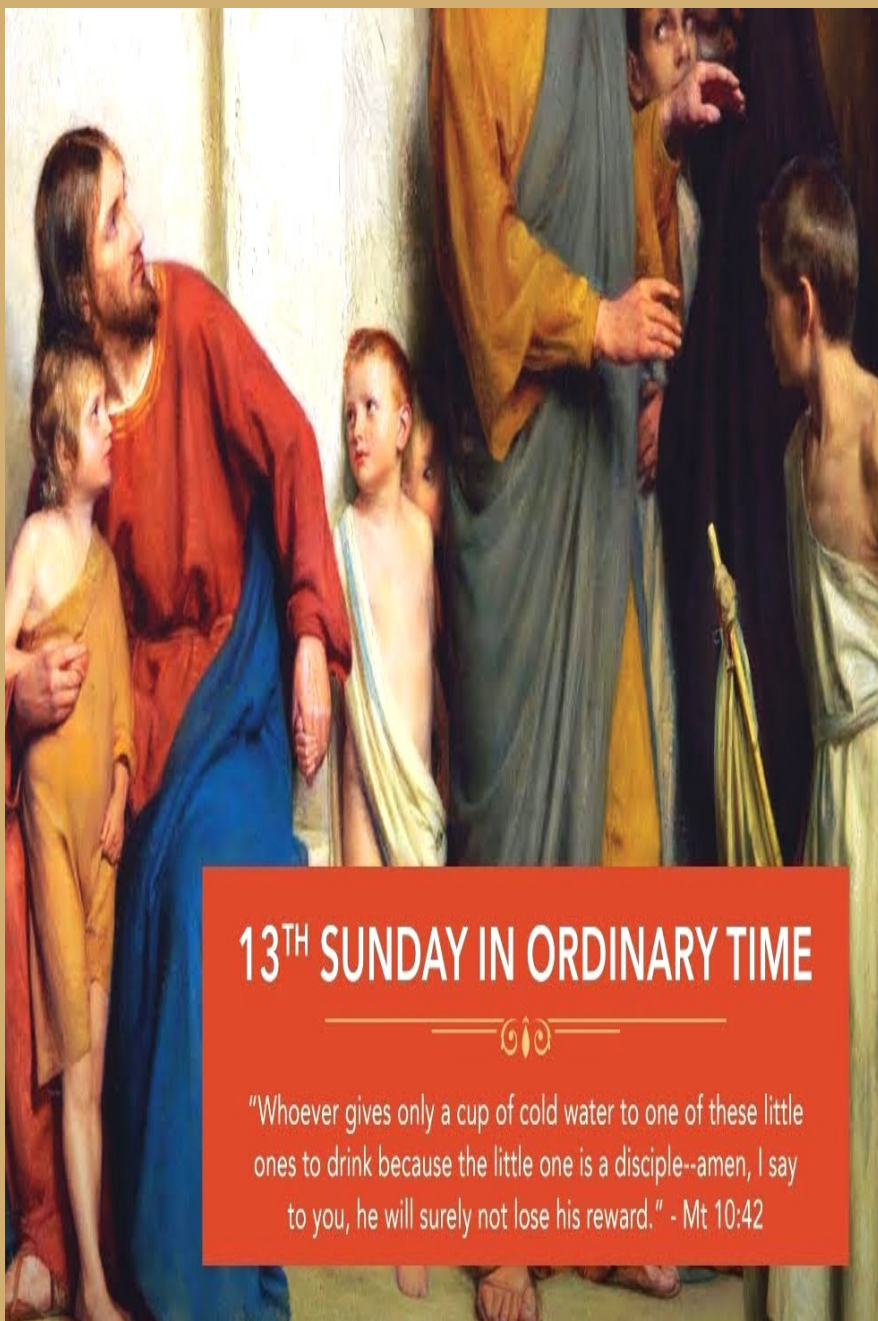
#### **Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)**

Wednesdays: 4-6 pm & Saturdays: 9 am

#### **Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament**

Tuesdays + Thursdays: 9 am - 6 pm

**Millions of Monicas** + 6 pm Wednesdays



**13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



"Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple--amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." - Mt 10:42

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 27, 2026 + Votive Mass for the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM **ROSARY**

8:30 am **The People of Saint Leo Parish**

9:00 AM **CONFESSION**

Saturday, June 27, 2026 + Vigil for the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:15 pm **Frank & Dorothy Armanini** (Carol Connacher)

Sunday, June 28, 2026 + Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am **Lewis & Helen Miller** (Family)

10:00 am **Thomas & Marjorie Ferraro** (Ferraro Girls)

Tuesday, June 30, 2026 + Weekday

9:00 AM - 6:00 PM **ADORATION**

6:00 pm **Kathy Cunningham** (Dave & Joey Kepple)

Wednesday, July 1, 2026 + Weekday

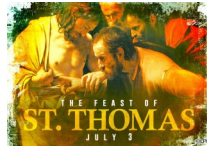
8:30 am **The People of Saint Leo Parish**

**No MILLIONS OF MONICAS TONIGHT**

Thursday, July 2, 2026 + Weekday

8:30 am **George Newell** (Family)

9:00 AM - 6:00 PM **ADORATION**



Friday, July 3, 2026 + Saint Thomas

8:30 am **Doreen Marzella** (Jan Wonderly)

Saturday, July 4, 2026 + Votive Mass for Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM **CONFESSIONS**

9:00 am **Rayetta Lindberg** (Jan Wonderly)

10:00 AM **ROSARY FOR OUR NATION**

Saturday, July 4, 2026 + Vigil for Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:15 pm **James Martin** (Family)

Sunday, July 5, 2026 + Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am **Deceased Members of the Capital City Hose Co.**

10:00 am **Dominic & Elvira Judice** (Mary Theresa Cianca)

### SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please let the Parish Office know if you or a member of your family is sick and would like to have someone deliver Holy Communion to them.

The **Sanctuary Candle** before the Blessed Sacrament will burn this week in memory of

**Elaine Geyer**

by Janet Polinski



The **Saint Leo Candle** burns this week in loving memory of **Genevieve Stanley** by her family.

## 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 June

**FOR THE VALUES OF SPORTS**

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

### Liturgical Ministries Week of July 4 & 5

	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Minister	Lector
<b>Saturday 5:15 pm</b>	Bobnars*	F or K Griech	H Bish
<b>Sunday 8:00 am</b>	Nicklas Brothers*	H Nickls	N Hoffman
<b>Sunday 10:00 am</b>	J Tettis D LaBenne	J Williams S Anderson D Williams	F Howard
<b>Money Counters</b>	Team #1	<b>Altar Guild</b> (7/3)	Group 8 Pew 6

The wine and hosts for June have been donated in loving memory of **Art Cianca, Jr.**  
By Mary Theresa Cianca

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

**READINGS: THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME #889**

## Parish Stewardship

June 21, 2026

<b>This Week</b>	<b>CSA, 2026</b>
Offering.....\$8,720	Pledges.....\$30,464
Goal.....\$9,168	Goal.....\$61,135

**Thank you for your Generosity**

### Online Giving

No checkbook or offertory envelope today? No problem! Just visit our website, [www.stleomagnus.org](http://www.stleomagnus.org), to make a one-time donation or, even better, set up a recurring donation for hassle-free, consistent giving. You'll never have to worry about forgetting again! Thank you for your generosity and support. Your contributions are invaluable and help us continue our mission. We deeply appreciate 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

<b>July 25, 2026</b>	9:00 am	St. Leo Magnus, Ridgway	814-772-3135
<b>Aug 6, 2026</b>	7:00 pm	St. Joseph, Force	814-787-4151

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

*The Parish offers our prayers and sympathies to the family of Michael Bowes*

*May he, and all the faithful departed, rest in eternal peace.*

### 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

*“Adhering to Christ, the cornerstone, also allows us to face today's problems concerning the transmission of the faith and religious practice. At a time when many people seem to have lost their spiritual taste or, for various reasons, are no longer able to perceive the proposal of the Christian faith for their lives as attractive, we are called first of all to bring the proclamation of the Gospel, a joyful and liberating proclamation of Jesus Christ, which brings out the beauty of faith for our lives and for our society. There is an increasing need, today, to accompany people in the discovery or rediscovery of the faith.”*

**Pope Leo XIV  
Homily – 20 June 2026**



## TO THE HEIGHTS

A Catholic Men's 21-mile  
Wilderness Retreat  
That Will Test Your Body  
And Renew Your Soul

October 1-3, 2026  
In the Quehanna Wilderness  
Questions and to register:  
[totheheightserie@gmail.com](mailto:totheheightserie@gmail.com)

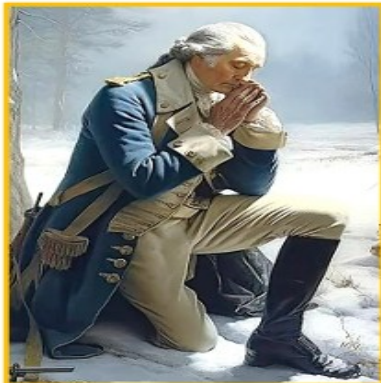
Cost: \$100 (deadline September 21, 2026)  
Brotherhood, Daily Mass, Adoration, Confession,  
Meals & t-shirt provided

\*This retreat is for men who are 18 years or older and have graduated from High School or equivalent.

# ROSARY FOR OUR NATION



**SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2026**  
10 am + Saint Leo Magnus Church, Ridgway



**Join us as we celebrate with all Americans the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Birth of our Beloved Nation.**

As we follow the beads of the Most Holy Rosary, we will pray for all 50 of the States of our Union, invoking the protection of the Blessed Mother for both civil governments and citizens; and the Catholic communities throughout the United States and our Territories.

*Please spread the word and bring friends!*

**MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS THE UNITED STATES AND THE ENTIRE WORLD!**

### PADRE PIO RELICS

Coming to St. Mary's Church Wednesday, **July 29<sup>th</sup>**. Veneration from 2 - 9 pm with **Rosary** prayed every hour on the hour. **Confessions** from 5:30 - 6:50 pm and **Mass** at 7:00 pm. With presentation by Joseph Santoro to follow. For more information contact Lori @ 814-594-3972

### K OF C MOVIE NIGHT

**MOVIE FOR THURSDAY, JULY 9<sup>TH</sup>: HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON**

### 2026 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Couples celebrating any year of marriage, are invited to attend the annual Anniversary Celebration. This year, the celebration will be held on **Sunday, August 30, 2026, St. Leo Magnus, Ridgway, at 2:00 pm**. To register, call St. Leo parish office.

### Cancel the Cold/Beat the Heat

†We Remember in our prayers†

**June 28, 2026**

Joseph & Angeline Facchine

**MILLIONS OF MONICAS**  
*One Hour  
One Purpose  
Our Children*  
**We meet again Wednesday, July 8 at 6pm**

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

My dear parish family:

In anticipation of celebrating the 250th anniversary of American independence and the ratification of the Declaration of Independence, it's worth remembering the role that Catholics and Catholicism played in 1776. Therefore, in this week's bulletin column and next week (July 5), I want to share an essay, "Ten Things You Should Know About Catholics and the American Founding," by History professor Bradley Birzer. As you read the first five "things," let us keep our nation, our Church, and all of God's people in our daily prayers. And remember next Saturday we will pray a special and solemn Rosary for our nation at 10 am. Please join us!

### **10 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT CATHOLICS AND THE AMERICAN FOUNDING: *Part 1***

1. With the exception of Maryland—but only for a bit—each of the English colonies along the North American coastline despised and feared Roman Catholics as well as Catholicism. For most English Protestants, whether Reformed and Presbyterian or low-Church Anglican, Catholicism represented the corruption of the Christian faith. Catholics, far from being the brethren of Protestants, were the worst enemies—far worse than pagans or even Muslims. Why? Because Catholics, in the eyes of those Protestants, should have known better; that is, they should have seen the errors of their Catholic ways. In many respects, it was a case of nearness creating division. In New England, beginning in the 1640s, no citizen could enter a church on a Sunday morning without bearing both a bible and a firearm. When service ended, the men of the congregation secured the area before allowing women and children to leave the church, just in case Catholics might be out raiding that day. Even as late as the American Revolution, New England militiamen screamed, "No king, no pope" as they charged into enemy lines.

2. Protestants, however, were rarely tolerant of even other Protestants; Calvinists, for example, often hated Baptists as much as they did Catholics. Far from the "land of the free" that our textbooks usually portray, colonies sought not religious freedom and liberty, but rather religious *autonomy*. That is, they wanted freedom to worship as they saw fit, but they certainly did not believe that other sects should have the same rights. In this, the first century and a half of American colonization (with only a very few exceptions) was defined by a whole variety of intolerances. Because the frontier was huge, however, such tolerances could be alleviated, at least as long as you were willing to move west, away from the respectable folks. From the 1600s through 1774, America was really a sea of intolerance with islands of tolerance. Your freedom was essentially the freedom to choose which intolerance you liked best.

3. Of the 13 original colonies, only Pennsylvania and Maryland offered anything that we might today recognize as religious toleration. Maryland, for an almost 30-year-long period prior to 1689, might very well have been the most tolerant place in the world when it came to religion. To enforce its religious toleration, however, it traded its freedom of speech. Society protected the diversity of religious communities by forbidding 1) blasphemy against the Holy Trinity; 2) mocking of Mary or any of the saints; and 3) referring to any Christian sect by a derogatory name. When radicals seized the provincial government in 1689, however, they undid all laws of religious toleration, demanding that every resident of Maryland honor the Church of England as the established Church. The new government of 1689, which lasted until 1774, for all intents and purposes outlawed Roman Catholicism, double-taxing Catholics, forbidding the education of Catholic children, and actually permanently removing children in danger of being "raised in a Catholic fashion" from their birth parents.

4. When it came to Catholics, most American Protestants could not decide if Catholics were brilliant or indolent. Supporting brilliance, they saw the Jesuits. Although one might hate a Jesuit, one never underestimated him. Yet, supporting indolence—at least by the lights of the Protestant work ethic—French men freely married native women. This, to good Englishmen, seemed an abomination. One might partake of such a relationship privately, but never in public.

5. The very first resolutions passed by the first Congress—meeting in the fall of 1774 and calling itself the First Continental Congress—were complaints against British tolerance toward and of Canadian Roman Catholics. In particular, Americans feared what the British called the "Quebec Act," passed in June 1774. John Adams, never pro-Catholic (though he very much liked Charles Carroll of Carrollton), claimed that the Quebec Act was "a frightful system, as would have terrified any people who did not prefer liberty to life." On October 21, 1774, Congress issued the following, its first official pronouncement ever: the Quebec Act was passed by Parliament to place "in the hands of power, to reduce the ancient, free Protestant colonies" to slavery. "Nor," it stated, "can we suppress our astonishment that a British parliament should ever consent to establish in that country [Canada] a religion that has deluged your island with blood, and superseded impiety, bigotry, persecution, murder, and rebellions through every part of the world."

*May God continue to bless the United States and the whole world!*

*Father Justin*