

St. Leo Magnus

Roman Catholic Church

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Being Witnesses of Christ's Gospel since 1874

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 8, 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



“Jesus answered and said to her, ‘Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.’” (John 4: 13-14)

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 7, 2026 + Lenten Weekday

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

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

5:15 pm **Toshio Kamiunten** (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 and 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

Tuesday, March 10, 2026 + Lenten Weekday

9:00 am - 6:00 pm **ADORATION**
5:45 PM ROSARY
 6:00 pm **Arlene Regulski, 1st anniv.**
 (Johna Holtz and Dennis McMahon)

Wednesday, March 11, 2026 + Lenten Weekday

8:30 am **Caterina Pino, 55th anniv.** (Fr. Justin Pino)
1:00 pm SOUP + STATIONS + SCRIPTURAL JOURNEY THROUGH THE MASS
4:00-6:00 pm CONFESSION
 6:00 pm **Doreen Marzella** (Ed and Tina Aiello)

Thursday, March 12, 2026 + Lenten Weekday

8:30 am **Living and deceased of Saint Leo Magnus Parish**
9:00 am - 6:00 pm ADORATION
 6:00 pm **Luigi Butera** (Estate)

Friday, March 13, 2026 + Lenten Weekday

8:30 am **Arthur and Susan Cianca, Sr.** (Mary Theresa Cianca)
 6:00 pm **Kay and Melanie Wilday** (Jim and Theresa McLaughlin)

Saturday, March 14, 2026 + Lenten Weekday

8:00 am **ROSARY**
 8:30 am **Kathleen Oldani** (Dave Oldani)
 9:00 am **CONFESSION**

Saturday, March 14, 2026 + Vigil for the Fourth Sunday of Lent

5:15 pm **Bob Connacher** (Vivian, Jamie and Tara Pagone)

Sunday, March 15, 2026 + Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 am **Steve Gausman** (Dave and Joey Kepple)
 10:00 am **Joseph and Sanita Tettis** (Mike and Karen Tettis)

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 14 & 15

	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Minister	Lector
Sat, 3/14 5:15 pm	P Messineo J Nicklas	M Facchine	J Challingsworth
Sun, 3/15 8:00 am	O Buck E Regulski	J Allenbaugh	M Stager
Sun, 3/15 10:00 am	S and S Tettis	S Leuschel T Buck K Gerber	C Tutton
Money Counters	Team #3	Altar Guild (3/13)	Group 8 Pew 2

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.

Readings: 814 Third Sunday of Lent - A

Parish Stewardship

March 1, 2026

Offering.....\$10,474

Goal.....\$9,168

CSA, 2026

Pledges.....\$17,080

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

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 10th for March 15th 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
Ph:814-772-3135

Monday - Thursday
secretary@stleomagnus.org

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR YOUR CEMETERY NEEDS

Weekly Wisdom from our Holy Father

“In this time of grace, let us therefore practice penance generously, alongside prayer and works of mercy. Let us create space for silence by turning off televisions, radios and cell phones for a while. Let us meditate on the Word of God, approach the Sacraments, and listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit who speaks to us in our heart. Let us also listen to one another — in our families, workplaces and communities. Let us dedicate time to those who are alone, especially the elderly, the poor and the sick. By giving up what is superfluous, we can share what we save with those in need.”

**Pope Leo XIV
Angelus Message
22 February 2026**



The Candle at **Saint John of God** will burn this week in memory of **Mike and Helen DeStefano** by Beverly MacDonald

CEMETERY CLEAN UP

We're getting ready to clean up the cemetery so mowing can begin. If you'd like to be a part of the crew, call the parish office.

It's a great way to get in your daily steps!

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.

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.

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

2026 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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. Mark Your Calendars!

Cancel the Cold

†We Remember in our prayers†

March 8

Arthur Cianca, Jr.
Mary Foley
Sis Geitner

Genevieve Stanley
Jeff Penfield
Souls in Purgatory

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 TODAY!

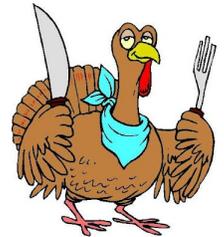
Hosted by Ridgway Knights
of Columbus

Sunday, March 8

11:00 am until sold out

Cost: \$12

At the newly remodeled
Knights Hall



ST. LEO SCHOOL Fishing Derby

Lucky Leo
\$1,500

MAY 9TH + 10TH 2026

Ridgway Fireman's Carnival Grounds

Registration now at <https://www.stleofishingderby.com/registration>

ST. LEO'S WHATS SO COOL ABOUT MANUFACTURING VIDEO

Each year StLeo's puts together a team to participate in the Whats So Cool About Manufacturing state wide contest. This year we partnered with American Axle St. Marys to show how they turn powdered metal into car parts. The voting for the videos will begin on March 17th and will end on the 19th. We hope to earn your support for the St. Leo's video in March by casting your vote on the Whats So Cool. org website

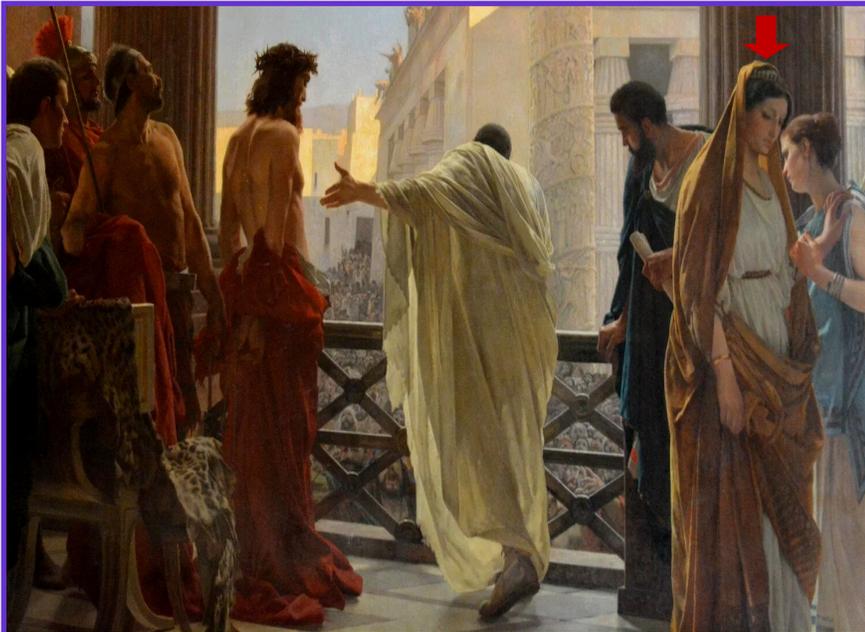
Lent Penance Schedule

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 III – PILATE'S WIFE: *Hidden Faith*



My dear parish family:

Let's take some time and study the image I have included in this column. It's entitled *Ecce Homo* – translated from the Latin as *Behold the Man*. This image is helpful for our meditation this week on our third “phantom of the Passion,” the wife of Pontius Pilate. Scripture records only a single sentence from her lips. We do not know her name, but many historians and scholars believe her name was Claudia Procula. She along with her husband, Pilate, whose names is forever ensclosed in our Creed as the one who condemned our Lord to death, are canonized saints in the Ethiopian Orthodox Church. Some scholarship states that they left Jerusalem shortly after the Crucifixion and converted to Christianity. Very interesting, is it not?

One of the reasons this image is helpful is because it leaves much for the imagination, like many of the “phantoms of the passion” we have met and will meet. Specifically, we don't see the faces of Jesus or Pilate from the front (as is usually the case in Catholic art). Instead, we have a view from the rear of the scene, as if from the perspective of a Roman servant.

When the eye wanders more through the art, it will notice the most visible face in the entire image: that of the woman on the right. The look of anguish on her face, her outstretched arm embracing her friend (or another servant perhaps) for emotional support. All indicates that this figure would be none other than the wife of Pontius Pilate.

“And as he [Pontius Pilate] was sitting in the place of judgment, his wife sent to him, saying: Have thou nothing to do with that just man; for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.” (from Matthew's Gospel, chapter 27, verse 19)

If it was her explicit wish for her husband to have nothing to do with a just man, then her emotional pain displayed in the picture makes perfect sense. The moment Pilate begins to announce that he has tortured the Christ, her heart sinks as the realization truly sets in that her husband displayed cruelty to the just man, despite her warnings. She turns from his side and begins slowly withdrawing—the moment captured in this image.

We can relate to the agony of Pilate's wife by reflecting on how our own sins have caused the suffering of Jesus Christ. The brilliance of the perspective of Pilate's wife is that she, apparently, had no idea that Jesus was God or that He was dying for all humanity's sins. If she had so much sorrow, simply because she sensed that something was wrong and unjust. Imagine how great her sorrow could have been had she known the true and glorious reality of what was happening before her eyes.

May we never be blind nor silent in our love and expression of faith in this man – Jesus from Nazareth, who is truly God – truly the Lamb who takes away the sins of the world – two thousand years ago on the Cross, today from the altar at Mass, and forever until the He comes again in glory at the End of Time!

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

Father Justin