



St. Leo Magnus Roman Catholic Church

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 16, 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



“Then Jesus said to her in reply, ‘O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.’”

Matthew 15:28

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 15, 2026 + The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am Donovan Clancy (Mary Detwiler)

Saturday, August 15, 2026 + Vigil for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:15 pm Eugene Facchine (Family)

Sunday, August 16, 2026 + Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Joseph and Janice Casolo (Family)

10:00 am Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, August 18, 2026 + Weekday

6:00 pm George Nero (Dave and Joey Kepple)

Wednesday, August 19, 2026 + Weekday

8:30 am John Kennedy, 17th anniv. (Dolores Miller)

Thursday, August 20, 2026 + Saint Bernard

8:30 am Rayetta Lindberg (Debby and Charlie Richards)

Friday, August 21, 2026 + Saint Pius X

8:30 am Living and Deceased of Saint Leo Parish

Saturday, August 22, 2026 + The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am Sally Stanisch (Margie Buck)

Saturday, August 22, 2026 + Vigil for the Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:15 pm Sophie Ferrari (Fr. Mark Groeger)

Sunday, August 23, 2026 + Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Josephine J. Mick, 17th anniv. (Fr. Justin)

10:00 am Jean Fioramonti (Jim and Theresa McLaughlin)

Spiritual Opportunities this Week

Tuesday, August 18 9:00am - 6:00pm Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, August 19 4:00pm - 6:00pm Confession
6:00pm Millions of Monicas

Thursday, August 20 9:00am - 6:00pm Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, August 21 8:00 am Rosary
9:00 am Confession

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 August

FOR EVANGELIZATION IN THE CITY

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

The wine and hosts for August have been donated
in loving memory of
Mario and Doris Mascioni
by Marchia and Dan Wildnauer

Sick and Homebound

Please call the parish office if a member of your family is sick and would like to have someone deliver Holy Communion to them. We'd be blessed to add them to our list.

READINGS: Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time #910

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

August 9, 2026

This Week

Offering \$6,310

Weekly Goal \$9,153

CSA, 2026

Pledges \$31,405

Goal \$61,135

Online Giving

No Checkbook or offertory envelope today? No problem! Just visit our website, 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

Aug. 20, 2026 6:30 pm St. Mark, Emporium 814.486.0569

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

814.781.1019

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

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

"The Church exists to lead us into the dynamic of listening and decision-making, in which we come to understand for whom we are to live and how we are to live. The Church is the community in which we learn to discern the voice of God, which never simply coincides with our own opinions, and to dare to obey the Holy Spirit, who makes bold and creative all those who choose to follow Jesus. While we are 'disfigured' by separating ourselves from him and from others, we are transfigured through the bonds that nourish and call us to life."

**Pope Leo XIV
Homily – 6 August 2026**



Give your loved ones the gift of Engagement Encounter

What better way to show your support of an upcoming marriage than with a gift that lasts a lifetime: Engagement Encounter. The next EE will be held at St. Mark Catholic Center, Erie February 5-7, 2027. Space is limited and early registrations are encouraged. Call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 or visit <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/> for more details and to register. Remember, "A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime."

Liturgical Ministries August 22/23, 2026

	Saturday 5:15	Sunday 8:00 am	Sunday 10:00 am
Altar Servers	L Kerr B Leader	Nicklases*	S Swanson* D Bianconi
Eucharistic Ministers	T Bish	H Nicklas	K Gerber S Leuschel T Buck
Lectors	T Bish	J Allenbaugh	L Caggese

**Money Counters - Aug. 24 - Team #4
Altar Guild - Aug. 21 - Group 7, Pew 1
Submit for Bulletin by Aug. 18 for Aug. 23rd bulletin**

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

St. Leo Magnus will host the annual Anniversary Celebration on August 30, 2026. Any parishioners throughout the Diocese of Erie who want to celebrate their marriages no matter how many years you are celebrating. Everyone is welcome. Call the parish office to sign up.

PA MARCH FOR LIFE – SEPTEMBER 21

Join Catholics from across Pennsylvania on Sunday, Sept. 21 for the Pennsylvania March for Life as we stand together in support of the dignity of every human life. Visit our website at <https://www.eriercd.org/pamarch.html> for event details



Creating Catholic Connections from the Cradle

A new program, headed by the St. Leo Catholic Daughters of America, designed for families with new babies as they adjust to life with a sweet bundle of joy!

Eligible families will receive a home cooked dinner consisting of an entree, side dish, and dessert as well as a gift bag.

If you are interested in being enrolled in this program, or know of another parish family you'd like to enroll, please call Christine Tutton at (814) 772-6632 or (814) 389-5476

THIS PROGRAM IS FOR ANY FAMILY WITHIN THE ST. LEO PARISH WHO HAS RECENTLY WELCOMED A NEW CHILD THROUGH BIRTH OR ADOPTION

Cancel the Cold
†We Remember in our prayers†
August 16
Ron McDonson

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Saint Leo Magnus Church Religious Education

Students in grades 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 will attend class at Holy Rosary Church in Johnsonburg. Pick up an enrollment packet at Holy Rosary Parish Office or St. Leo Parish Office

Class will begin August 30th!

Students in grades 2, 3 and 9 will prepare for their sacrament at St. Leo Magnus. Letters have been mailed with enrollment information. If you did not get a letter, please call 814-772-3135



MILLIONS OF MONICAS
*One Hour
One Purpose
Our Children*

We
will meet
Wednesday
August 19th
from 6-7 pm.

Come.
Pray for
our children

Support Wreaths Across America

This holiday season, help us honor the brave men and women who served our country by supporting Wreaths Across America which takes place December 19th. Our goal is to place a remembrance wreath on the grave of each of the 325+ veterans in our St. Leo's Cemetery as a symbol of gratitude and respect for their service and sacrifice. Each sponsored wreath costs \$17 and helps ensure that no veteran is forgotten. To sponsor one or more wreaths, please contact the St. Leo Parish Office or place your donation in the offering marked "Wreaths Across America." Please submit donations by September 20. Thank you for helping us **Remember the Fallen, Honor Those Who Serve, and teach the Next Generation the Value of Freedom.** If you are interested in participating in the placement of the wreaths on December 19, please reach out to the Parish Office.

From the Pastor's Desk

BLESSED IN AMERICA: *Summer Reflection Series on those Beatified from the United States*

Week 5 of 10: **Blessed Teresa Demjanovich** (1901 – 1927)

*Beatified on 4 October 2014

My dear parish family:

Our fifth blessed person this summer in our reflections was born and died (100 years ago this coming Spring) in our eastern neighbor called The Garden State – New Jersey.



Teresa Demjanovich was born in Bayonne, New Jersey in 1901. Her family was part of the Ruthenian Byzantine Rite, one of the Eastern Catholic Churches. These rites within the Church are in union with the Pope, but have retained more elements of the Greek tradition, especially in the liturgy. We have a few parishioners who were brought up in the rich Byzantine tradition. From her youth, Teresa wanted to devote her life to God and recalled her parents' home as a place devoted to holy things. (My home was very similar. When my friends would stop by, my mother would tell them about me "He's in the shrine!" Meaning my bedroom – lots of statues and holy pictures) After completing high school, she planned to follow in the footsteps of St. Therese of Lisieux, to whom she had a special devotion. But her mother was sick and Teresa stayed home to care for her until her death in November of 1918, during start of the tragic Influenza Epidemic that ravaged the world.

After her schooling and committing herself to unceasing prayer through a novena leading up to the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Teresa concluded it was God's will that she join the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth. It would have been at that time very rare for a Byzantine Catholic to become a sister in a Latin-rite (or Roman) order. Delayed by her father's death, she entered the novitiate on May 17, 1925, the day of St. Therese of Lisieux's canonization. She took the name Sister Miriam Teresa to honor St. Therese, the Blessed Mother and Saint Theresa of Avila – three powerhouses of holiness, trust, and utter abandonment to God's will. She was in good company.

In many ways, just like other blessed men and women we have been encountering this summer, Sister Miriam Teresa's life was very ordinary, hidden from the world, but powerful in transforming everything about her *for* Christ. It is reported though she received the gift of the Blessed Mother appearing to her when she was a college student and St. Therese walking with her during her novitiate. Her failing health limited her time with us and the Church. In November of 1926, she became very ill, thought to be suffering from exhaustion, myocarditis and acute appendicitis. With special permission, Blessed Teresa made her permanent religious vows on April 2, 1927, doctors concerned she was near her end and might not survive any form of medical operation or intervention. Medical personnel were forced to operate on her for appendicitis on May 6, 1927, because of severe pain she was experiencing. She died two days later.

Miriam Teresa Demjanovich was beatified in 2014 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, New Jersey. She was the first American to be beatified on United States' soil. Three priest blesseds would follow her, whom we shall meet in the proceeding weeks, and Fulton Sheen will join their holy ranks next month. Teresa's beatification was made possible by the approval in the year 2013 of a miracle attributed to her intercession involving a young man named Michael Mencer, who had gone blind due to macular degeneration, having (through the prayers, intercession, and simplicity of Blessed Teresa) his sight perfectly restored. He had been given a relic - a lock of hair - of Sister Demjanovich to take home to his family and to pray for her aid. His sight began to return as he carried the relic home. The day after her beatification, Bishop Kurt Burnette of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic celebrated the Divine Liturgy in her memory at her childhood parish in Bayonne, New Jersey. See, miracles happen every day and not that far away from where we are right now!

REFLECT WITH BLESSED TERESA THIS WEEK: She once wrote the following – "And even in the world, I felt very intensely that if people only sought God in all earnestness they would find Him. And if all would only make use of the ordinary duties and trials of their state in the way God intended, they would all become saints." Pray this week and every week, that we don't waste so much time searching for those so-called "extraordinary" ways to find God and for Him to make a difference in our lives; but rather, as Blessed Teresa did, embrace all the ordinary moments and then the miracles of God will happen – amaze us – transform us – heal us – and give us the courage to continue on the road toward salvation. Teresa is waiting to walk with us.

As Fulton Sheen said at the end of all his broadcasts: "God love you!" 