

St. Leo Magnus Roman Catholic Church

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Faithful Witnesses of Christ's Gospel since 1874

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 30, 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 his disciples, ‘Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.’”

Matthew 16: 24-25

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 29, 2026 + The Passion of Saint John the Baptist
8:30 am Geraldine Raubenstrauch (George & Nancy Peterson)

Saturday, August 29, 2026 + Vigil for the Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:15 pm Phil Mitchell (Peggy Mitchell)

Sunday, August 30, 2026 + Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am Sally Tate & Sue Spiher (Pat Fleming)
10:00 am Michael Caggiano (The Frank Armanini Family)
2:00 pm Wedding Anniversary Mass

Tuesday, September 1, 2026 + Weekday
6:00 pm Joseph & Lena Viglione (Family)

Wednesday, September 2, 2026 + Weekday
8:30 am The People of Saint Leo Parish

Thursday, September 3, 2026 + Saint Gregory the Great
8:30 am Bob Connacher (Vivian, Jamie & Tara Pagone)

Friday, September 4, 2026 + Weekday
8:30 am Sonjia Becker (Mary Detwiler)

Saturday, September 5, 2026 + Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30 am Eugene Lawrie (Lawrie Family)

Saturday, September 5, 2026 + Vigil for the Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:15 pm Kathleen J. Pino, 3rd anniv. (Fr. Justin)

Sunday, September 6, 2026 + Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am The People of Saint Leo Parish
10:00 am Mr. & Mrs. Harry A. Brian (Ralph & Margaret Tettis)

READINGS: Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time #916

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

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.

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



The Sanctuary Candle before the Blessed Sacrament will burn
this week in loving memory of
Joshua Reynolds
by Joe and Sandy Viglione

Spiritual Opportunities this Week

Tuesday, September 1
9:00am - 6:00pm Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, September 2
4:00pm - 6:00pm Confession
6:00pm Millions of Monicas

Thursday, September 3
9:00am - 6:00pm Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, September 5
8:00 am Rosary
9:00 am Confession

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

August 23, 2026

This Week

Offering \$6,394
Weekly Goal \$9,153

CSA, 2026

Pledges \$31,605
Goal \$61,135

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.

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. 1 for the Sept. 6 bulletin
Submit by Sept. 2 for the Sept. 13 bulletin

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



"The message is clear: everything we are and have is a gift from God, entrusted to us so that, in his hands, we can be for one another, instruments of salvation in justice, starting from the places and people with whom we live and work every day, to address, with a big and open heart, the whole world."

Pope Leo XIV

Homily – 22 August 2026

The parish offers our prayers and sympathies to the family of
Lee Briggs
May she, and all the faithful departed rest in eternal peace.

Reminder

Religious Education for grades 2, 3 and 9
will begin at St. Leo on Sunday, September 6th at 9:00 am
in the social hall

Liturgical Ministries September 5/6, 2026

	Saturday 5:15	Sunday 8:00 am	Sunday 10:00 am
Altar Servers	CC & R MacDonald	L & O Bobnar	J Hoyle D'LaBenne
Eucharistic Ministers	JP MacDonald	M Detwiler	K Gerber S Leuschel T Buck
Lectors	A Anderson	M Stager	D Paige

Money Counters - Sept. 8 - Team #1
Altar Guild - Sept. 4 - Group 1, Pew 3

SACRED HEART PARISH CENTER BINGO
 Friday, Sept. 4. Doors open at 4 pm. Free Lunch at 5:30. For more information, call Kathy @ 814-781-1019.

GIVE 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."

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.eriecd.org/pamarch.html> for event details and bus information.

Cancel the Cold

†We Remember in our prayers†

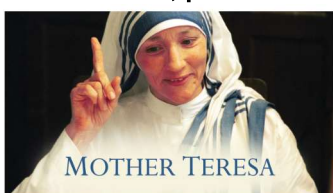
August 30

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

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 Cemetery as a symbol of gratitude and respect for their service and sacrifice.

Each sponsored wreath is \$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.



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 Forming Catholics for Life.

Mother Teresa

See Mother Teresa in the slums of Calcutta as she mingled closely with her people, dispensing help, joy, and smiles to everyone in this moving film.

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE



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](https://www.eriecd.org).





MILLIONS OF MONICAS

*One Hour
 One Purpose
 Our Children*

We will meet Wednesday September 2 from 6-7 pm.

Come. Pray for our children



O.C.I.A.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you a non-Catholic who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Are you a baptized adult Catholic who has never been confirmed or celebrated First Communion?

O.C.I.A. is for you!

Sessions start Sunday, September 13th.

Contact the Parish Office @ 814.772.3135 for more details

St. Leo Church has scholarship funds available for parishioners attending **Gannon University.** If you think you qualify, contact the parish office.

BLESSED IN AMERICA:

Summer Reflection Series on those Beatified from the United States

Week 7 of 10: **Blessed Solanus Casey** (1870 – 1957)

*Beatified on 18 November 2017

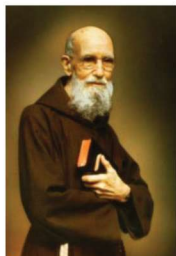
My dear parish family:

This first time I heard of this week's blessed, it was on an episode of the 1980's television series *Unsolved Mysteries*. Then I began to research his life and Barney Casey, who became one of Detroit's best-known priests, his life, ministry, and sanctity fascinated and inspired me. I hope you feel the same.

Barney came from a large family in rural Wisconsin. At the age of 21 (in the year 1891), and after he had worked as a logger, a hospital orderly, a streetcar operator, and a prison guard, he entered St. Francis Seminary in Milwaukee. Theological studies in hopeful anticipation of the priesthood were extremely difficult for him. He left there, and in 1896, joined the Capuchin Order (Franciscans) in Detroit, leaving his secular name Barney behind, and taking the religious name Solanus. His studies for toward priesthood were again frustrating – the weight of the Cross to follow the Lord was heavy.

On July 24, 1904, Solanus Casey was indeed ordained, but because his so-called “lack of knowledge of theology,” he was judged to be weak, he was not given permission to hear confessions or to preach. Yes, he became a “priest simplex.” One of his confreres said this annoying restriction brought forth in him a certain greatness and a particular holiness that might never have been realized in any other way. See when the world or even the Church judges us to be less than worthy, (in 1904 or today) God always enters in and transforms our hearts!

During his 14 years as porter (door keeper) and sacristan in Yonkers, New York, the people there recognized Solanus as a fine speaker. James Derum, his biographer writes, “For, though he was forbidden to deliver doctrinal sermons, he could give inspirational talks.” And he did just that to the people he opened and closed the door of the friar for – the children of God he welcomed and re-welcomed. His spiritual fire deeply impressed those who made the time to listen.



Father Solanus Casey served at parishes in Manhattan and Harlem before returning to Detroit, where he was porter and sacristan for 20 years at St. Bonaventure Monastery. Every Wednesday afternoon he conducted well-attended services for the sick. A co-worker estimates that on the average day 150 to 200 people came to see Father Solanus in the front office. Most of them came to receive his blessing; 40 to 50 came for consultation. Many people considered him instrumental in cures and other blessings they received. This was the basis of the segment on *Unsolved Mysteries* that fascinated me when I was in high school.

In failing health, Solanus Casey was transferred to the Capuchin novitiate in Huntington, Indiana, in 1946, where he lived for ten years until needing to be hospitalized in Detroit. Father Solanus died on July 31, 1957. An estimated 20,000 people passed by his coffin before his burial in St. Bonaventure Church in Detroit. Solanus Casey was declared Venerable in 1995 and beatified on November 18, 2017, in Detroit. The Church now awaits the moment when we can call him a saint. I truly believe that time is not far away.

Here is some of his wisdom to pray with this week: *“We should ever be grateful for and love the vocation to which God has called us. This applies to every vocation because, after all, what a privilege it is to serve God, even in the least capacity! What does it matter where we go? Wherever we go, won't we be serving God there? And wherever we go, won't we have Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament with us? Isn't that enough to make us happy? We must be faithful to the present moment, or we will frustrate the plan of God for our lives. Many are the rainbows, the sunbursts, the gentle breezes—and the hailstorms—we are liable to meet before, by the grace of God, we shall be able to tumble into our graves with the confidence of tired children into their places of peaceful slumber. Worry is a weakness from which very few of us are entirely free. We must be on guard against this most insidious enemy of our peace of soul. Instead, let us foster confidence in God, and thank Him ahead of time for whatever He chooses to send us.”*

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

Father Justin