

St. Leo Magnus

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Faithful Witnesses of Christ's Gospel since 1874

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 5, 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



God bless America and the whole world!

Mary, Most Holy, pray for and intercede for us!

Mass Intentions



Saturday, July 4, 2026 + Weekday

8:00 AM CONFESSIONS

9:00 am Rayetta Lindberg (Jan Wonderly)

10:00 AM ROSARY FOR OUR NATION

Saturday, July 4, 2026 + Vigil for the 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 Capital City Hose Co.

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

Tuesday, July 7, 2026 + Weekday

9:00 AM - 6:00 PM ADORATION

NO MASS - FR. JUSTIN WILL BE AWAY ALL WEEK

Wednesday, July 8, 2026 + Weekday

NO MASS OR CONFESSIONS

6:00 PM MILLIONS OF MONICAS PRAYER GROUP

Thursday, July 9, 2026 + Weekday

NO MASS

9:00 AM - 6:00 PM ADORATION

Friday, July 10, 2026 + Weekday

NO MASS

Saturday, July 11, 2026 + Saint Benedict

NO ROSARY

NO MASS

NO CONFESSIONS

Saturday, July 11, 2026 + Vigil for Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:15 pm Joseph & Angeline Facchine (Family)

Sunday, July 12, 2026 + Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Souls in Purgatory

10:00 am Donna Hinton (Family)

FLOCKNOTE ~ KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US VIA EMAIL & TEXT! TO SIGN UP
TEXT STLEO TO 84576 OR STLEO.FLOCKNOTE.COM

The Sanctuary Candle before the Blessed Sacrament
will burn this week In memory of
Margaret & Carl Carlson
by their family.



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

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 July

FOR RESPECT FOR HUMAN LIFE

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human
life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from
God.

Liturgical Ministries Week of July 11 & 12

	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Minister	Lector
Saturday 5:15 pm	Leuschels*	H Bish	M Buck
Sunday 8:00 am	P Washburn O Buck	J Allenbaugh	M Stager
Sunday 10:00 am	L Kerr S Swanson*	L Caggese K Fitch F Howard	C Tutton
Money Counters	Team #2	Altar Guild (7/10)	Group 1 Pew 1

The wine and hosts for July have been donated
in loving memory of
Florendo and Irene Facetti
By Linda Johnson

The Second Collection the weekend of July 11 & 12
will be to help provide better health care to the people of
Kahama Diocese in Tanzania.

Parish Stewardship

No information available

Thank you for your Generosity

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

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

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

Marriage Prep, 2026

Call the Parish Office for dates and times.

Bulletin deadline: July 7th for the July 12th 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

“One cannot believe without thinking, nor is it possible to illuminate the highest questions of reason without faith. With this trusting openness, in fact, human reason asks and plans: it does not close itself off in the logic of profit or domination, but discovers new ways of taking care of itself and of the world. To the extent that he believes, the human being does not resign himself to the end, to a historical fragment that ends with death: faith itself reminds us that we are not subjects of an anonymous fate, upholding instead the certainty that God is the creator and savior of life.”

**Pope Leo XIV
 Speech in Pavia, Italy
 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

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.

ST. BONIFACE FISH FRY

On July 24, 2026, from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm, the parish will host a community Fish Fry in the social hall in support of vocations in our diocese. Come enjoy a great meal, connect with fellow parishioners, and help encourage future vocations. All are welcome! Take outs available 814-885-4488 Ext. 3.

PADRE PIO RELICS

Coming to St. Mary's Church Wednesday, **July 29th**. **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

Showing **HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON**. July 9, 2026 at dusk

TO JESUS THROUGH MARY - A GOSPA MISSIONS RETREAT

Saturday, Aug. 1, 2026, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm. Highfield Community Center, Butler PA. Come be immersed in the Healing Love of Our Savior as Our Blessed Mother continues to bring Him to us. Registration, continental breakfast, and confessions begin at 7:30 am. Join us in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Joseph Strickland; the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet; religious store; lunch and more! Speakers include: Bishop Joseph Strickland, Sister Faustina Maria and Geralyn Ballo. For more information or to register go to GospaMissions.org or call (724) 538-3171.

K OF C 300 CLUB

During the last week in August, the K of C will be conducting its next round of the 300 Club (only 300 tickets sold) when \$3,000 in prizes will be chanced off. Drawings have been going on since 1955! Tickets are available at the rectory and cost \$20 each or contact any Knight.

FR. PAUL SIEBERT'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Anniversary Celebration is Sunday, Aug. 30th beginning with a 10:00 pm Mass. Immediately following mass, there will be a receiving line for the general public in O'Connell Hall then a reception dinner will follow at the Emporium Fire Hall @ 2:30 pm. If you'd like to join in the celebration at the receiving line or the Fire Hall, please contact the St. Mark Rectory at 814-486-0569 to make your reservation. RSVP's need to be returned by Aug. 1st.

ECCHS ANNUAL SENIOR CLASS YARD SALE

July 16th 4-7 pm and July 17th 8 am - noon. At ECCHS, 600 Maurus St., St. Marys. All proceeds benefit ECCHS Senior class Trip.

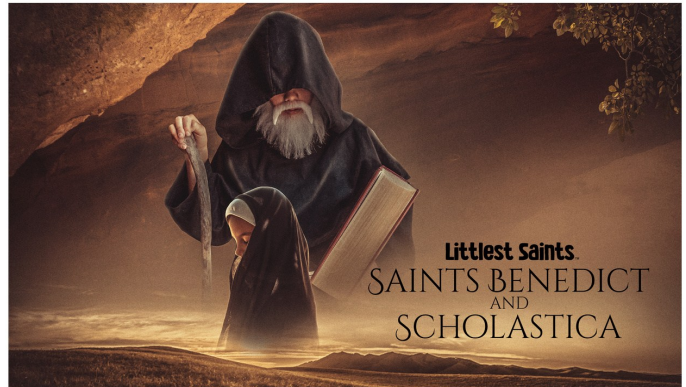
Wedding Anniversary Celebration

St. Leo Magnus Church, Ridgway
August 30, 2026 @ 2PM

WHO IS INVITED: ANY PARISHIONERS THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE OF ERIE WHO WANT TO CELEBRATE THEIR MARRIAGES NO MATTER HOW MANY YEARS YOU ARE CELEBRATING. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

CONTACT: RENA URMANN 814-772-3135 OR SECRETARY@STLEOMAGNUS.ORG

If you would like a certificate from the Diocese, please reserve your spot by July 27th.



Sts. Benedict and Scholastica | Littlest Saints

A pair of holy twins, a cave, and a group of naughty monks... this is the story of Saint Benedict and Saint Scholastica.

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

Cancel the Cold/Beat the Heat
†We Remember in our prayers†
July 5, 2026
Mary Foley

MILLIONS OF MONICAS

One Hour
One Purpose
Our Children

Wednesday, July 8, from 6-7pm



From the Pastor's Desk

My dear parish family:

As we continue to celebrate the 250th anniversary of American independence and the ratification of the Declaration of Independence, here is the second part of the essay, “Ten Things You Should Know About Catholics and the American Founding,” by History professor Bradley Birzer. Enjoy the history lesson!

10 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT CATHOLICS AND THE AMERICAN FOUNDING: *Part 2*

6. Despite all of the bigotry against Catholics, two of the wealthiest men in America at the time of the signing of the Declaration of Independence were practicing Roman Catholics. The first, an actual signer of the Declaration, was Charles Carroll of Carrollton, a brilliant, patriotic, and republican Marylander. The other was the chief of the Miami Indians, Jean Baptiste Richardville, living near what is now Fort Wayne, Indiana. Controlling an eight-mile portage that connected the Great Lakes to the Ohio River, Richardville shrewdly made a fortune from trading, portaging, and treaty signing. A devout Catholic, his daughters attended Catholic school in Terre Haute, Indiana. He is buried at the cathedral in Fort Wayne.

7. Although few Catholics of any substantial number lived in the colonies at the time of the American Revolution, for all intents and purposes, the Carrolls of Maryland—John, Charles, and Daniel—became symbols and represented *all* American Catholics at the time of the founding. As a participant in the Constitutional Convention, Daniel held much weight, but he would never equal or offer the gravitas that Charles, as a signer of the Declaration, and John, as the first archbishop in the United States, did.

8. One of the great mysteries of the time, and something no historian has been able to fully explain, is how many of the anti-Catholic laws and attitudes simply disappeared from local and state governments. In part, this certainly had to do with the Carrolls and their high standing, and, in equal part, a unifying republican spirit descended upon all who opposed what was regarded as blatant British tyranny. During his two terms as president, George Washington—who never had time for bigotries based on accidents of birth or choices of religion—spent much of his time in office attempting to unify all American peoples under the common banner of republicanism. His letters to the Catholics of the United States as well as to the Hebrews of Newport remain documents of the highest thought and repute, models of how to overcome and dispel bigotry.

9. However much anti-Catholicism decreased during the early days of the Republic, it resurfaced with a wicked vengeance during the so-called “Second Great Awakening” of 1795-1844. The worst outbreak came in Charlestown, Massachusetts, in 1834, when a group of men—inspired by a sermon delivered by Lyman Beecher titled “The Devil and the Pope of Rome”—burned down an Ursuline nunnery. Additionally, throughout the 1830s, stories of supposed Catholic infidelities became legion. Typically, the stories followed two plots. In the most popular, some poor Protestant girl would convert and become a nun, only to find that she had joined a sex cult as a slave. The most infamous of these stories involved a young woman named “Maria Monk.” The second plot involved priests as quasi-vampires who preyed upon the innocence of married women. Catholic priests eating dinner with a kindly family were depicted as leering at the mother, plotting how to seduce her. Novelists portrayed these priests as deeply charismatic and wielding irresistible sexual powers.

10. Finally, though many Catholics immigrated to America prior to 1846, they never did so in considerable numbers. Even when they migrated in fairly sizable groups, they could not compete with the native Protestant population. Everywhere they lived, they formed, at best, an interesting minority. All of this changed in the mid-1840s when famine and revolution drove Irish and Germans (both Catholic and Lutheran) in huge numbers to the United States. Many of these Catholic immigrants were understandably poor, and the old English animosities against the Irish rose with ferocity. Many in the public sphere began to talk openly about a “papal takeover,” and even the level-headed of American society feared some kind of Vatican conspiracy to destroy the American republic from within and by her own laws and tolerance. Catholic immigration to the United States remained steady until the 1870s, when huge numbers of Southern Europeans, Jews, and eastern Mediterraneans migrated across the Atlantic. In large part, the American Progressive movement arose as a way to halt the further Catholicizing and Hebrewization (my made-up word) of America, desiring to “yank the hyphen out of hyphenated Americans.”

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