

St. Leo Magnus Roman Catholic Church

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Faithful Witnesses of Christ's Gospel since 1874

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 12, 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



**THIS YEAR'S Paschal Candle HAS
BEEN GIVEN TO OUR PARISH BY THE
Karen (Fedus) Tettis Family
IN ETERNAL MEMORY OF**

John A. Fedus (1932 - 2012)

Edith T. (Strauss) Fedus (1933 - 2025)

Stephen J. Fedus (1959 - 2006)

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 11, 2026 + Vigil for Second Sunday of Easter
 5:15 pm **Veronica DePanfilis** (Family)

Sunday, April 12, 2026 + Second Sunday of Easter
 8:00 am **John and Mary Lee Urmann** (Family)
 10:00 am **Souls in Purgatory**

Tuesday, April 14, 2026 + Easter Weekday
 9:00 am - 6:00 pm **ADORATION**
 6:00 pm **The People of Saint Leo Parish**

Wednesday, April 15, 2026 + Easter Weekday
 8:30 am **Doreen Marzella** (Bob & Pat Gilmore)

Thursday, April 16, 2026 + Easter Weekday
 8:30 am **Jackie Renaud and Allison Caimi** (Family of Cyndi Aiello)
 9:00 am - 6:00 pm **ADORATION**

Friday, April 17, 2026 + Easter Weekday
 8:30 am **Mary Harris** (Jim Laughner)

Saturday, April 18, 2026 + Easter Weekday
 8:30 am **Fred Wonderly** (Jan Wonderly and Family)

Saturday, April 18, 2026 + Vigil for the Third Sunday of Easter
 5:15 pm **Larry Johnson** (Linda Johnson)

Sunday, April 19, 2026 + Third Sunday of Easter
 8:00 am **The People of Saint Leo Parish**
 10:00 am **Mark Stolburg** (Nina Stolburg)

*The Sanctuary Candle before the Blessed Sacrament will burn this week
 In memory of **Livio Morelli**
 By the Kilhoffer Family.*



The Saint Leo Candle burns this week in loving memory of **Sunny Peterson** by Darlene Needs.

The Parish offers our prayers and sympathies to the families of:

Phil Wright, husband of Pat Wright
Rayetta Lindberg, wife of Denny Lindberg

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

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.*

Imprimatur, October 28, 2025
 The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, J.C.L.
 Bishop of Erie



Pope Leo XIV Prayer Intention for April **FOR PRIESTS IN CRISIS**

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

*The wine and hosts for April have been donated
 in loving memory of
Tony and Molly Marzella
 By Jeff and Sonya Marzella*

Liturgical Ministries Week of April 18/19

	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Minister	Lector
Sat, 4/11 5:15 pm	MJ Bish P Messineo	T Bish	A Anderson
Sun, 4/12 8:00 am	L Kerr M Gausman	V Stager	M Stager
Sun, 4/12 10:00 am	H & T Bish	S Anderson S & L Fink	C Tutton
Money Counters	Team #3	Altar Guild (4/7)	Group 5 Pew 1

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.

From the Pastor's Desk

My dear parish family:

To be a minister in the Presbyterian Church a candidate must first pass a battery of four written examinations, beginning with a Bible content exam. Therefore, someone has to know such things as: *Abraham and Sarah's hometown – Ur of the Chaldeans; the name of Queen Esther's uncle – Mordecai; the number of prophets of Baal slain by the prophet Elijah – 450; St. Paul's street address in Damascus – the Street called Strait; and the names of the seven churches addressed in the Book of Revelation – like, Smyrna, Sardis and Philadelphia.* Those are a bit complicated, and you know what – most Catholic priests wouldn't know the answers either, without a quick look up in the sacred text.



Here's a somewhat simple and complicated question. Take today's Gospel: "*Thomas, who was called Didymus [the Twin].*" So, who was Thomas' twin brother or twin sister? Surely now, someone somewhere in some Biblical library must have the answer in some dusty scroll or manuscript. Maybe some ancient scholar knows the name of Thomas' twin! Truth be told, no one knows for certain, and the rest of the New Testament is not talking. Whoever the twin is (if they ever existed in the first place), Thomas is someone we should take seriously: he is included as one of the faithful apostles recorded in the first three Gospels, Matthew, Mark and Luke; and again, in the Acts of the Apostles. But Thomas' most important moment is in John's Gospel we hear every Second Sunday of Easter. Earlier in John's narrative, Thomas is "as a tower of strength" when he encourages the disciples to accompany Jesus into a hostile Judea even if it means death (Jn 11.16). But Thomas is best known for his doubts. "Doubting Thomas" is hesitate/cautious to believe in the Resurrection of Jesus until he sees those still visible and open wounds. He can't totally believe until he could place his fingers in the nail marks, until he could see where the Roman spear had stabbed Jesus' side. Because of Thomas is why we process to Communion; so, we can see Jesus – we can touch Jesus – we can believe in Him over and over again. Yes, He becomes part of us this Sunday, next Sunday, every time we come to Mass! Thomas didn't just want to take the other guys in the Upper Room word for it. He wanted experience the Risen Jesus over and over again – and so has humanity for nearly 2,000 years!

All of us doubt. I doubted when I was younger. I still doubt today, but not the same things as when I was a teenager because I have had experience – my faith and trust in God has grown by leaps and bounds. Moreover, I wager that we will doubt in the future – struggling with things we haven't even imagined yet. Nevertheless, doubt can fuel our faith. Yes, doubt can be the motivation that leads to faith, so long as one is willing to do what Thomas does, and that is to ask questions – to keep on asking questions until the Risen Jesus is there in front of us – like in Communion – or, as often as God works, He is hidden within other people – many times with surprising results

The Risen Jesus comes to us every day – walking into our homes – being part of our families – our schools – our jobs – our parish – and most wonderfully imbedded deeply into our hearts. And to be sure, we are responsible for our own decisions – deciding to follow Him or to doubt in our own love for One who loves us to the point of horrific and pain-ridden abuse He continues to experience on the Cross. But why? To set us free – to save us – to chase away every doubt in our hearts.

Let us return to the earlier question, who is Thomas' twin? Could be you, could be me? Could be each of us and all of us together. So, let's find the courage to doubt our doubts and not to be afraid to find Jesus – ask Him the big questions we are struggling with right now – touch His wounds, touch His chest and feel that heart alive and beating for all humanity and let Him in to change us from the inside out. Each of us and all of us together are Thomas' twin and he should join our brother when we see Jesus today and everyday – when we touch His Body and Blood this Sunday and next Sunday – when we feel Him beating in our hearts – we say with Thomas: "Jesus! Yes! You are my Lord and my God."

CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS TRULY RISEN! ALLELUIA!!

Father Justin

Sacraments at Saint Leo



First Reconciliation



Confirmation

Holy Week



Palm Sunday



Good Friday



Tenebrae

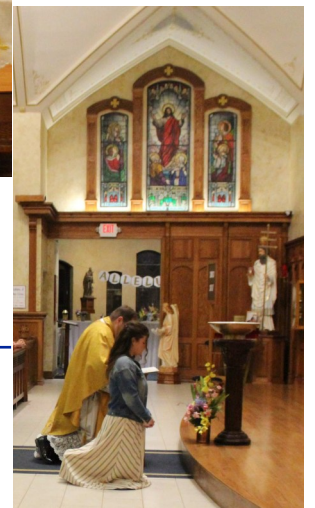


*Holy Thursday -
presenting Holy Oils*

Holy Thursday - Washing of the Feet



Easter Vigil



Welcome Makayla, Ethan and Shaylee
Our newest Catholics!!



*We Celebrate the Sacraments
and our new Catholics*



Parish Stewardship

April 5, 2026	CSA, 2026
Offering.....\$11,836	Pledges.....\$22,580
Goal.....\$ 9,168	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

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
June 2, 2026 6:30 pm	Queen of the World, St. Marys	814-834-4701

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

Bulletin Deadline - April 14th for the April 19th bulletin

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

“Today all of creation is resplendent with new light, a song of praise rises from the earth, and our hearts rejoice: Christ is risen from the dead, and with him, we too rise to new life! This Easter proclamation embraces the mystery of our lives and the destiny of history, reaching us even in the depths of death, where we feel threatened and sometimes overwhelmed. It opens us up to a hope that never fails, to a light that never fades, to a fullness of joy that nothing can take away: death has been conquered forever; death no longer has power over us!”

**Pope Leo XIV
Easter Sunday Homily + 5 April 2026**



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CD of A Court St. Leo would like to welcome its newest member **Edna Maddalena**. If you would like to join this dynamic group of women contact Regent Sara Gresco at 814-673-7829 for more information.

The next meeting of the CD of A will be **Tuesday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Social Hall.

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

MOTHER- DAUGHTER TEA

April 18th at Immaculate Conception Parish, Clarion or May 2nd at St. Mark Catholic Center, Erie. This is a special time to connect, talk about becoming a woman, prepare for puberty (for girls age then and older and their moms!) For more information and to sign up: <https://www.eriercd.org/chastity/tea.html>

CINCH TOURNAMENT

Sunday, April 26 at Sacred Heart Parish Center. Dinner @ 12:15, Play begins at 1:00 pm. Call Sharon @ 814-594-5594 to register. Benefits Relay For Life.

BOOK CLUB

We're reading "Discernment" by Fr. Henry Nouwen. Meetings will be held at Sacred Heart Parish Center on Wednesdays for 5-6 weeks starting April 29th from 4-6 pm. If your interested or have questions, contact Rita Kraus @ 814-594-7510.

Millions of Monicas

Like St. Monica, we pray for our children in need of God's mercy and a return to the Church.

A new Millions of Monicas prayer group is beginning at St. Leo Magnus Church.

We will meet Wednesdays at 6 pm beginning May 6th. Women are invited to gather for one hour of guided prayer, which always includes a Rosary.

All women are welcome. Many who come are mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and confirmation sponsors, following the example of St. Monica in her perseverance in prayer.

This is not a support group, and no sensitive information is shared.

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TO SIGN UP STLEO TO 84576 OR STLEO.FLOCKNOTE.COM

Thank You

With sincere gratitude, we extend our thanks to all the Sacred Heart Social Committee members for the love and hard work you shared during the six weeks of Lent and "Lunch With The Lord."

Your efforts truly brought our community together in a special way.

A heartfelt thank you to Helene Burdick and Linda Brunner for your wonderful leadership as co-chairs, your dedication made it all possible.

We also thank Amy Brunner for helping to recognize and uplift the spirit of service that made this ministry so meaningful.

We are truly grateful to each of you.

We are especially appreciative of the staff of Sacred Heart and St. Mary's Parishes for their support, and to all who enriched our time together through their words and presence,

including Rev. Robert F. "Bob" Zilhaver, Pastor Missy Smith, Father Justin Pino, and Father Ananias.

Your reflections were a true blessing to all who attended.

Thank you for being part of "Lunch With The Lord."

We look forward to gathering again next year, and for many years to come.

With gratitude and blessings,

Fr. Tom Curry & Fr. Ignatius Camello

CELEBRATING AMERICA 250 IN SONG

COME JOIN THE CONCERT CHOIR OF ELK COUNTY FOR A NIGHT OF FINE DINING AND SONG AS THEY PRESENT "CELEBRATING AMERICA 250 IN SONG"

THIS YEARS EVENT WILL BE HELD AT THE RED FERN IN ST. MARYS

ON FRIDAY, MAY 15TH AND SATURDAY, MAY 16TH CONCERT TIME IS SET FOR 6 P.M. FOR EACH EVENING TICKETS ARE \$40 PER PERSON

ENTRÉS INCLUDE, ROAST BEEF, STUFFED CHICKEN BREAST AND PASTA PRIMAVERA.

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE VILLAGE PEDDLER AND THE DIAMOND PERK IN ST. MARYS, ECCOTA IN RIDGWAY AND LILY & ROSE BAKERY IN JOHNSONBURG.

**Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments
Child Abuse Prevention Month:
Who is a Mandated Reporter?**

A mandated reporter is required by Pennsylvania law and the diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children to report suspected or disclosed cases of child abuse to ChildLine or law enforcement. Mandated reporters in our diocese are people who hold positions of trust in our schools, parishes, agencies, and institutions. All clergy, employees and volunteers working/ serving in our parishes, schools or agencies are mandated both legally and morally to report any reasonably suspected or known child abuse to ChildLine, the local law enforcement, or other appropriate agency. Visit www.eriercd.org/childprotection/ to learn the specific reporting procedures required by the diocese

Register today for the 11th Annual Catholic Women's Conference

Join women from across the Diocese of Erie and beyond for the 11th Annual 1:38 Women's Conference. This day of inspiration and spiritual growth, open to women of all faiths, will feature national speakers - Jeff Joaquin and Paula Umana.

The conference will be held on **Sat., April 18th** from **8 a.m. to 1 p.m.** You can attend as follows:

1. Live in-person at St. Jude Church in Erie.
2. Live-steamed at a hosting parish – St. Boniface in Kersey - call the parish at 814-885-4488 to register by April 13th (Free Will Offering) or
3. Live-streamed to your home.

Don't miss this opportunity to grow in your relationship with the Lord. The conference is just \$25. For more info and to register, visit www.138women.com or call (814) 455-7364.

Cancel the Cold

†We Remember in our prayers†

April 12
Peg Howard