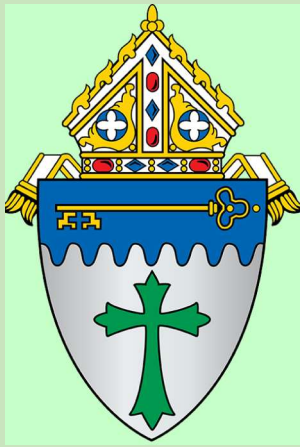




St. Leo Magnus Roman Catholic Church

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THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 27, 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

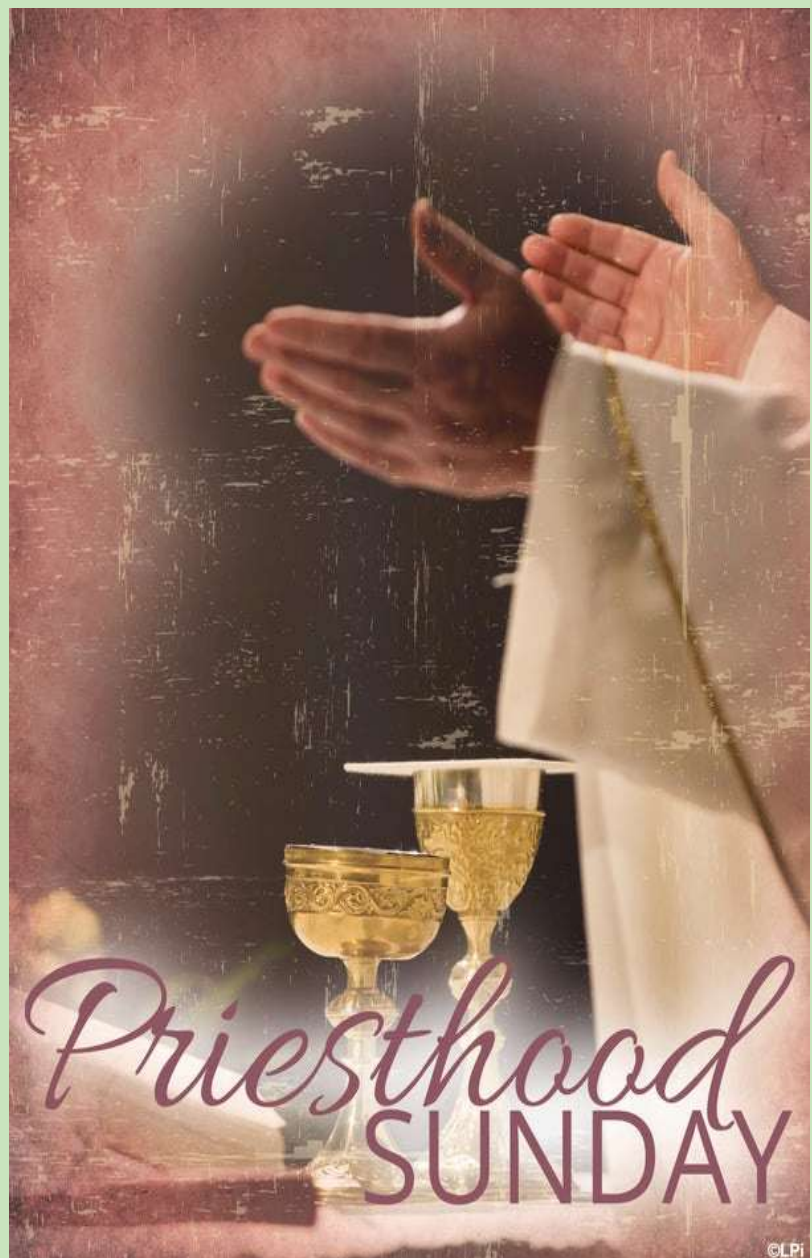
On the day: 8:30 am & 12:05 pm

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



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 26, 2026 + Votive Mass for Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am Steve Buck (Frank Viola)

Saturday, September 26, 2026 + Vigil for Twenty-sixth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

5:15 pm Bob Connacher (Carol Connacher)

Sunday, September 27, 2026 + Twenty-sixth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

8:00 am Amos & Jean Gier (Chris & Susie Klase)

10:00 am Kathleen Ferraro (Betty, Ella & Paula)

Tuesday, September 29, 2026 + Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

6:00 pm The People of Saint Leo Parish

Wednesday, September 30, 2026 + Saint Jerome

8:30 am William Schubert (Jim & Theresa McLaughlin)

Thursday, October 1, 2026 + Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus

8:30 am Bob Connacher (Rose Wolf)

Friday, October 2, 2026 + The Holy Guardian Angels

8:30 am Arthur Cianca, Jr. (Mary Theresa Cianca)

Saturday, October 3, 2026 + Votive Mass for Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am Tom Coppello, 20th anniv. (Betty Hoehn)

Saturday, October 3, 2026 + Vigil for Twenty-seventh Sunday

in Ordinary Time

5:15 pm Mr. & Mrs. Ray Cenni (Dave Giovanini Family)

Sunday, October 4, 2026 + Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Mary Lee Urmann (Family)

10:00 am Howard & Betty Gausman (Family)

READINGS: Twenty-sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time #928

*The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in loving memory of
Thomas and Elizabeth Verbeck
By their family*

The wine and hosts for September have been donated in
loving memory of
Jim Manno & Sam Benigni
by Virginia Manno

Pope Leo XIV
Prayer Intention for September
FOR THE CARE OF WATER

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a
vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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



Diocese of Erie
ROMAN CATHOLIC

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Randy Benton, brother of Don Benton
Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and may perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in Peace. Amen

Spiritual Opportunities this Week

Monday, September 28

1:00pm Small Faith Group

Tuesday, September 29

9:00am - 6:00pm Adoration of the
Most Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, September 30

4:00 - 6:00pm Confession
6:00 Millions of Monicas

Thursday, October 1

9:00am - 6:00pm Adoration of the
Most Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, October 3

8:00 am Rosary
9:00 am Confession

Sacrificial Giving

September 20, 2026

Budget	\$9,153
Offertory	\$5,618
Online	\$782

Thank you for your generosity

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

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. 29 for the Oct. 4 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

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The God of Changed Minds

I wonder what was so important.

The man gave both his sons the same order: go out and work in the vineyard today. One son said yes. One refused.

The first son doesn't show up. The second son changes his mind, and does what his father asked. I wonder what was so important, that it kept the first from fulfilling his word. I wonder what was so important, that it prevented the second from committing wholeheartedly.

I have an image in my head of the sun setting on the vineyard. The second son pauses for a moment to catch his breath while his father sits at the gate, anxiously scanning the horizon. "Any sign?" the son asks the father, who instead of answering drops his gaze into his lap.

With this parable, Jesus acknowledges that few of his disciples can anticipate a straight path to Heaven. Most of us are destined for a few bends in the road. Most of us will suffer failures of will and strength. We will become distracted. We will become preoccupied. We will doubt ourselves. There will be so many things that seem important, and it will take us too long to realize they aren't. Once we have, we may be too proud to change course.

The shadows grow long in the vineyard. Any moment and they will give way to darkness. With its dying breath, the sun illuminates the contours of a figure making his way toward the father and son. When the figure cries out, it is a voice they recognize. "Am I too late?"

We worship the God of second chances. The God of changed minds. The God of never-too-late.

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Saints MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

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Liturgical Ministries October 3/4, 2026

	Saturday 5:15	Sunday 8:00 am	Sunday 10:00 am
Altar Servers	P & M Bulcher	B Leader P Messineo	S Swanson E Regulski
Eucharistic Ministers	J Wonderly	M Detwiler	S Leuschel T Buck S Anderson
Lectors	A Anderson	M Stager	S Gresco

Money Counters - Oct. 5 - Team #1
Altar Guild - Oct. 2 - Group 5, Pew 1

PRAY FOR OUR SAINT LEO PARISH CHILDREN
Please take a name or two from the basket on the altar and pray for those children through out the year.

SMALL FAITH COMMUNITIES

Small Faith Groups reflect on Scripture as the way to imitate Christ in daily life. Interested? Call Mary Detwiler @ 814-389-2057, Theresa McLaughlin @ 631-905-7052, or Molly Fernan @ 814-335-2226.

SACRED HEART BINGO

Friday, October 2, 2026. Doors open at 4 pm. Free Lunch served at 5:30 pm. Early Bird games begin at 6:30 pm. Questions call the parish office @ 814-781-1019.

HEALING RETREAT

October 4, 2026 at St. Joseph Church, Force. 2:00 - 5:00 pm. Come pray for Christ's healing with Fr. Mark Mastrain, Fr. Michael Scanga, Deacon Dan Satterlee and Dr. Jan Satterlee. To register call 814-787-4151. Free event.

ST. BONIFACE K OF C BREAKFAST

The St. Boniface Knights will serve a Buffet Breakfast on Sunday, October 4th from 8 am until 11:30 (sold out). Price is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 16 and under. All are invited to come and enjoy this breakfast buffet.

ELK COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE - LIFE CHAIN

Life Chain is a peaceful, prayerful National ProLife Campaign of individuals praying for 1 hour to end Abortion. The event is Oct. 4th from 1 - 2 pm in downtown St. Marys. Patricipants are invited to gather at the St. Marys K of C on Washington St. at 12:45 where prayer signs will be handed out.

WREATHS ACCROSS AMERICA

If you would like to help place wreaths on December 19th, contact the parish office

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS -

Diocese of Erie Child Protection Policies: Everyone that works and interacts with children should have clear boundaries in place. This includes rules like staying in public view and avoiding isolated one-on-one situations with children and ensuring that two or more adults are always paired together to work with children, as well as other guidelines found in the Policy for the Protection of Children. All those who minister to minors are screened, trained, and must follow the Policy that includes a Code of Conduct. To read the policy go to: <https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/policies-1.html>. For additional information, contact the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.

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BEAT THE HEAT/CANCEL THE COLD

+ PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS +

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SPOTLIGHT ON ST. LEO SCHOOL

BACK TO SCHOOL

ST. LEO SCHOOL WAS EXCITED TO WELCOME OUR STUDENTS BACK A FEW WEEKS AGO! WE HAVE BEEN BUSY LEARNING, PRAYING, AND GROWING TOGETHER. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A WONDERFUL YEAR!



Check us out
on Facebook!



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.



**MILLIONS
OF
MONICAS**

One Hour
One Purpose
Our Children

We
will meet
Wednesday
September 30
from 6-7 pm.

Come.
Pray for
our children

From the Pastor's Desk

My dear parish family:

As we and the entire Erie diocesan family eagerly await the news that Pope Leo has appointed our eleventh bishop – we must realize that it will be a time of change. I know, sometimes we define that word in ugly or negative terms. We're even afraid of change. As the diocesan historian I have so many stories – true stories – of change throughout the nearly 175 years of the history of the Diocese of Erie. Many of these stories, especially concerning our previous bishops, have never been written down. I hope to include many of them in a new history I am currently writing about the 13 counties in Northwestern Pennsylvania – our Diocese of Erie – that will celebrate our 175th anniversary in 2028. Here is one of those stories.

In my previously assignment in Oil City, I was privileged to call one of my predecessors as pastor of Saint Joseph Parish, a true titan in our diocesan story. He was pastor in Oil City from 1948 until his sudden death from bone cancer in 1964 – Bishop Edward Peter McManman, who was also at that time the Auxiliary Bishop of Erie, assisting the Legendary Archbishop John Mark Gannon. He confirmed several of our current parishioners. Bishop McManaman was a very polished and formal person. Ny today's standards he would have been wrongly labeled ultra-conservative. The bishop attended a few sessions of the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s owing to Archbishop Gannon's advanced age. McManaman would die before the implementation of the Council – especially the changes to our liturgical worship – would be introduced om the life of our parishes. But he was not afraid of change – even his own personal transformation from earthly life to eternity that his mortal death would usher in when he was only 64 years old.

One day the Bishop asked some high school students to move a cafeteria table from the school into the sanctuary of the church. He was going to celebrate Mass facing the people! That was a huge change, as many of you remember. Then before Mass, Bishop changed his mind and had the students remove the table. He was a afraid of change. But then at the last moment, the table returned, Bishop McManaman walked out into the sanctuary and faced the people. Change had come – not completely – but slowly – because the Bishop was unafraid to serve Christ, even if it meant doing things, like celebrating Mass, a bit differently. If he had lived, Bishop McManaman would probably have been the next Bishop of Erie until 1975. I wonder how our diocesan story might have changed?

"Change," in fact, is a significant word in the Gospel narrative this weekend. It pops up twice: describing the son who does change and describing the chief priests and elders who don't. Some theological and scriptural commentators have compared this passage in Matthew to the famous parable of the Prodigal Son in Luke; since both stories revolve around two sons, a choice that each of them makes, and a change.

Change or transformation or even transfiguration, is clearly a theme that Jesus wants to drive home repeatedly to His listeners, whether it be 2,000 years ago in the hills of Galilee or all of us here in the beauty of Elk County. It is one that has echoed down through history as the Catholic Christian faith has been passed on: the notion that there is another way, holier way – The Lord's way. Yes, it is the Father's will that Jesus always heard, listened to, and followed. He is calling still. Are we listening?

It isn't always easy, but if we listen to what God is trying to tell us, follow the direction He's trying to take us and trust in His will for our lives, we may be amazed at where He leads us. Are we open to change? Are we open to changing ourselves? Are we open to God's work in our lives? His will for us?

This weekend's Gospel today is nothing less than a call to change, a call to conversion. It asks us to reconsider the choices we have made. God is summoning us, calling us, challenging us—just like the father did with the two sons. He is asking us to do His labor in the vineyard, to do His work in the world, to be His witness to a society that is attempting to cancel Him out of existence (but we know that will never happen – as long we as people of faith fight for Him!). What will our answer to Him be?

Remember the words of Saint John Henry Newman: *"God has created me to do Him some definite service...He has not created me for nothing. I shall do good; I shall do His work."* Bishop McManaman who embraced change in the world, the Church and in his personal life, suffering the weight of his own cross, through it all held fast to the motto he chose when he became a bishop in 1948 – *Christo Servire*, "To Serve Christ!" God called to him. He answered. Therefore, when Jesus calls us to serve, what will our answer be? Can I – can you – can we, be unlike the Pharisees and elders, and actually – truly – heartily – change? The choice is and has always been ours. ***God bless you this week and always!***

Father Justin