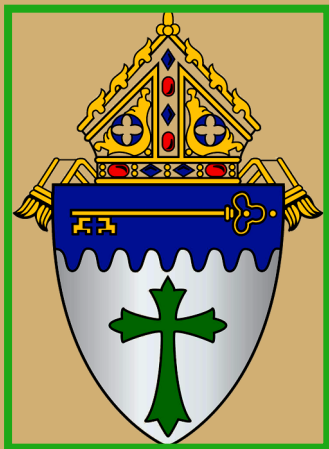




St. Leo Magnus

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Faithful Witnesses of Christ's Gospel since 1874

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 26, 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



“Jesus said to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.’” Matthew 13: 44

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 25, 2026 + Saint James

8:00 AM ROSARY

8:30am The People Of Our Parish

9:00 AM CONFESSIONS

Saturday, July 25, 2026 + Vigil for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:15 pm John Fernan (Molly Fernan & Family)

Sunday, July 26, 2026 + Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Joe & Jean Urmann (Urmann Family)

10:00 am Steve Gausman (Dave Giovanini)

Tuesday, July 28, 2026 + Weekday

9:00 AM - 6:00 PM ADORATION

6:00 pm Don Peterson (George & Nancy Peterson)

Wednesday, July 29, 2026 + Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus

8:30 am The People of Saint Leo Parish

4:00 - 6:00 PM CONFESSIONS

6:00 PM MILLIONS OF MONICAS PRAYER MINISTRY

Thursday, July 30, 2026 + Weekday

8:30 am Antonette "Toni" Kilhoffer (Family)

9:00 AM - 6:00 PM ADORATION

Friday, July 31, 2026 + Saint Ignatius of Loyola

8:30 am Joan Armanini (The Gahr Family)

Saturday, August 1, 2026 + Saint Alphonsus Liguori

8:00 AM ROSARY

8:30 am Phyllis Hanna (Theresa McLaughlin)

9:00 AM CONFESSIONS

Saturday, August 1, 2026 + Vigil for Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:15 pm Irvin & Alice Malacarne (Carl & Susan Ginther)

Sunday, August 2, 2026 + Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Amos & Jean Gier (Family)

10:00 am Mr. & Mrs. Joseph R. Tettis (Ralph & Margaret Tettis)



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



Liturgical Ministries Week of August 1 & 2

	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Minister	Lector
Saturday 5:15 pm	Messineos	J Wonderly	A Anderson
Sunday 8:00 am	MJ Bish D Bianconi	M Detwiler	N Hoffman
Sunday 10:00 am	Leuschels*	J Williams S Anderson D Williams	D Paige
Money Counters	Team #1	Altar Guild (7/31)	Group 4 Pew 4

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

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.

The Sanctuary Candle before the Blessed Sacrament
will burn this week
In honor of *Ryan Luchs*,
By his Family



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

The Parish offers our prayers and sympathies to the family of
Pam Lynch
(wife of Steve Lynch)

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

Parish Stewardship

July 19, 2026

This Week	CSA, 2026
Offering.....\$ 7,508	Pledges.....\$31,052
Goal.....\$ 9,153	Goal.....\$61,135

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

Aug 6, 2026	7:00 pm	St. Joseph, Force	814-787-4151
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**

Marriage Prep, 2026

Call the Parish Office for dates and times.

Bulletin deadline: July 28th for the Aug. 2nd 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

“God’s generosity towards us is not naïve but wise. He sees within us the potential of a good that, at times, we ourselves might fail to recognize. For this reason, the Lord, who knows the soil of our hearts better than we, never ceases to believe in us — in who we are and in who we can become, day by day, if we entrust ourselves to him in faith.”

Pope Leo XIV

Angelus Message – 12 July 2026



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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.

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

Last movie of the season. **ELIO**. July 30, 2026 at dusk.

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 12:00 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. 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.

SACRED HEART BINGO

Friday, August 6. Doors open at 4pm. Regular games begin at 6:45 pm. For more information contact the parish office at 814-781-1019.

JOB OPENINGS AT ECCSS

We are currently in search of full and part time **Custodial workers** and a **Cafeteria Manager** at ECC High/Middle School. Call 814-834-7800 for more information or email careers@eccss.org

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF EASTERN CLEARFIELD COUNTY

St. Agnes, St. Basil the Great, and Christ the King, are hiring a full time faith formation director. The faith formation director will be responsible for the religious education primarily for the children of the three partnered parishes. The pastor is looking for a faith formation director who can implement his vision to increase the knowledge and practice of the Catholic faith of the parishioners of the three parishes. A successful candidate will have:

- A bachelors or masters in religious education, pastor leadership, theology, or other related fields.
- Thrive on creating a new educational model for the children and adults for our rural, central Appalachia, parishes.
- Demonstrates by one's life a discipleship spirit which sees one's personal witness of living the Roman Catholic faith being the best way to pass on the faith to others.

This position includes the following benefits: health insurance, 401k, and housing.

Please submit your resume to

Rev. Johnathan Schmolt, Pastor
Christ the King Parish
123 Good St.
Houtzdale, PA 16651

office@cpoecc.org

**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.



PARENT TESTIMONIAL



by Lauren Bulcher

My family and I moved to Elk County in summer 2024, in large part because we wanted to send our children to a faithful, affordable Catholic school like St. Leo's. The school has exceeded our expectations. The well-taught classical curriculum engages and challenges our children. Our younger children come home excited to tell what they have learned about Greek gods and constellations (to use this week's example), and show off their public speaking skills gained from memorizing poems. Our older children make connections between history and religion -- for example, studying the Aztec civilization and Spanish exploration of the New World as the context for St. Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe. The teachers give individual attention to each student and work as true, trusted partners of the parents as educators. One aspect of the school which surprised me was the number of activities and strength of the community surrounding the school. There are frequent social, religious, athletic, service, and other extracurricular events that bring together the school families, including children that are older or younger than school age. The commitment to the school of so many parents and teachers enables a wide variety of activities, beyond what we expected of a school of this size. We are very happy that we chose St. Leo's and look forward to being a part of the school for years to come.

St. Leo School

From the Pastor's Desk

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

Week 2 of 10: ***Blessed Diego Luis de San Vitores*** (1627 – 1672)

*Beatified on 6 October 1985

My dear parish family:

As we continue our summer journey with the Church's Blessed men and women, we travel far away from here to the heart of the Pacific Ocean!

Diego Jerónimo de San Vitores y Alonso de Mauluendo was born on November 12, 1627, into a noble family in northern Spain. Diego was attracted to religious life early, but his parents wanted him to pursue a military career. Often in the lives of the saints (or those who are almost saints like the Blesseds we are discovering) their families were initially unsupportive of their religious vocations. That continues, sadly, in our culture today. But at the tender age of 13, Diego entered the novitiate for the Society of Jesus or as we refer to these priests today as the Jesuits. He was ordained on December 23, 1651. After his ordination, in the early years, Father Diego taught in various schools, as many new priests were then and today are called by their superiors to enter. Then a missionary assignment in 1659 called to Diego and he left the comforts of the classroom and would travel halfway round the world. He wanted to go to China or Japan, but the superior him to the Philippines.

Diego left Spain on May 15, 1660, sailing first to Mexico where he would stay for nearly two years before completing the trip to the Philippines. Recall no airplanes, trains or paved roads in the 17th Century, but from the Apostles to the missionaries of today – they go where they are called, needed, and sent by God. Diego did this. On the voyage to the Philippines, Father Diego's ship stopped in Guam (today a territory of the United States) to restock supplies. He met the islanders – known as the Chamorro – and quickly realized that his vocation was to serve in Guam. In 1664, after nearly five years ministering in the Philippines, Diego using his family connections, wrote to King Philip IV of Spain asking him to establish a mission to Guam. The king agreed. Father Diego was selected to lead the mission to Guam (or the Marianas Islands, named in honor of Mariana of Austria, the Queen Regent of Spain). Accompanying Diego to Guam were five other Jesuits and thirty laymen.

They landed on Guam in June of 1668. Initially, things went very well. The missionaries were welcomed, just like ancient prophets from the Scriptures. Father Diego opened two schools. Different Jesuits travelled to surrounding islands to spread the message of Christ's Gospel. While today Guam's population is almost entirely Catholic, the faith took time to establish roots. In the time of Father Diego, the faith created conflict with caste systems of the native islanders and pagan practices. Tensions rose and ultimately relations broke down. Priests and those helping the missions were attacked, with some killed. Father Diego began to realize that martyrdom was likely. On April 1, 1672, it came. Father Diego were in the village of Tumon, a man angry that Father Diego had baptized his child without the father's approval, clubbed Father Diego and his companion on the head, killing them both. Their bodies of were thrown into the sea, never to be recovered.



Over time, though, the Catholic faith would blossom on Guam. Father Diego's cause for canonization was opened not long after his death in 1688 but saw renewed interest after World War II and the end of Japan's occupation of Guam, when the Catholic Church was being reestablished. Saint John Paul II beatified Blessed Diego in 1985. For 41 years, the Church has awaited the news that Diego might become another of our saints.

REFLECT WITH BLESSED DIEGO THIS WEEK: Blessed Diego once said and I quote him, *"In the very poverty and humility one may see the great pleasure it gives Our Lord Jesus Christ in achieving the salvation of these souls. This will bear much more fruit than in the opulent nations because it was especially to the poor that the Son of God said he was sent to evangelize by his eternal father."* Diego was a missionary. He traveled far from home to bring Jesus Christ to those who did not yet know him. We don't have to go to an island in the Pacific. We don't have to even go 5 miles down the road. We must be missionaries – we must bring the Gospel and person of Jesus Christ to people on our street, in our neighborhood,

in our family in our house. In doing this, day by day, even hour by hour, we join the ranks of those who, down through the centuries, since the Lord walked the hills of Galilee, will answer one of the most paramount directives of the entire New Testament. As Jesus reminds us these 2,000 years later, it must give us courage and resolve to be His missionaries: *"You are to be my witnesses . . . even to the ends of the earth."*

Father Justin