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*The Solemnity of the Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*

Father in heaven, all creation rightly gives you praise for all life and all holiness come from you. In the plan of Your wisdom she who bore the Christ in her womb was raised body and soul in glory to be with Him in heaven. May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness and join in her hymn of endless life and praise. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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ST. LEO MAGNUS CATHOLIC CHURCH *Membership Form*

Name _____ Phone Number _____

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Please drop this form into the offertory basket or mail to Parish Office

- New Registration*
- Change of Address or Phone*
- Moving Out of the Parish*
- Need Envelopes*

From the Pastor's Desk

My dear parish family:

Though he was pope for only 33 days and before I was even born I have always had a fondness for the man history now calls *Il Papa Sorriso* – The Smiling Pope – John Paul I. At times Bishop Albino Luciani was approached by simple faithful who asked him out of pious curiosity what title of Our Lady he liked best. Without satisfying their curiosity he would reply with a twinkle in his eye, ***“If you would let me give you some advice, may I suggest that you have devotion to Our Lady of the Pots and Pans, or Our Lady of the Broom. You see, Our Lady became a saint as a simple wife, washing the dishes, preparing meals, peeling the potatoes, or things like that.”*** ***“What I was trying to tell them,”*** he explained to his priests, ***“was that, yes, they should have great devotion to Our Lady, they must pray to her and have great confidence in her, but above all, they must imitate her virtues.”***

That’s good advice – to imitate Mary’s virtues. I doubt any of us here will ever be assumed body and soul into heaven, so we can’t very well imitate that Marian trait; but we can imitate and live out the great faith – the total giving of ourselves to God’s plan – to trust the love of Christ without question like Mary. That’s doable. That’s possible – very possible for you and me.



When Pope Francis, then Jorge Mario Bergoglio, was studying in Germany, he was stunned by a Bavarian painting of “Holy Mary, Our Lady Untier of Knots.” He acquired a copy of the painting and brought it to Argentina and promoted devotion to Mary under this title. By her obedience to God’s grace, she unties for herself and all of us, the knots of sin that Eve entangled for herself and all her children; and in a beautiful way it illustrates how she, along with all the saints in light help us to solve the knotty problems that we so often get ourselves caught up in.

This is a wonderful Marian devotion for all of us to take up on this Solemnity of the Assumption. No jaw-dropping miracles; no thunder and lightning; no feats of spiritual heroism—just the patient, painstaking, dogged untying of knots. That’s what all of us do every day. We get knotted up and need to untie them – sometimes we make the knots too tight – sometimes the arthritis and weakness of our human hands make it necessary to ask for help. Mary? Jesus? Joseph? Your guardian angel? God? That’s a start! How about your parents, your children, your friends, perhaps even a stranger that will become, by helping with the untying, a new friend? Sounds like a plan to me!

Let me leave you with this special prayer to Our Lady, Undoer of Knots:

Virgin Mary, Mother of fair love, Mother who never refuses to come to the aid of a child in need, Mother whose hands never cease to serve your beloved children because they are moved by the divine love and immense mercy that exists in your heart, cast your compassionate eyes upon me and see the snarl of knots that exist in my life.

You know very well how desperate I am, my pain and how I am bound by these knots.

Mary, Mother to whom God entrusted the undoing of the knots in the lives of his children, I entrust into your hands the ribbon of my life. No one, not even the Evil One himself, can take it away from your precious care. In your hands there is no knot that cannot be undone.

Powerful Mother, by your grace and intercessory power with Your Son and my Liberator, Jesus, take into your hands today this knot (...). I beg you to undo it for the glory of God, once for all. You are my hope.

O my Lady, you are the only consolation God gives me, the fortification of my feeble strength, the enrichment of my destitution and with Christ the freedom from my chains. Hear my plea. Keep me, guide me, protect me, O safe refuge!

*Mary, Undoer of Knots, pray for us.
Yes! O Queen Assumed into Heaven today, pray for us – Amen!*

Father Justin



Weekend of August 8, 2021

<u>Weekly Contributions</u>	<u>Weekly Budget</u>
\$7,546	\$10,160
<u>Contributions Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget Year to Date</u>
\$44,097	\$60,960

CSA--

**due by January 2022
\$46,962**

Received to date: \$24,808

70 Families have contributed



PARISH LOAN

St. Leo requested a loan from the Diocese of Erie to pay our school subsidy December, 2019 in the amount of \$185,000.

Balance due: \$139,000

**Have an IRA?
Would 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 your or the charity will have to pay income taxes.

Saint Leo Religious Education families,

Please save the following dates:

- * Wednesday September 8th, 4:30 - 7:00pm - Registration for students in grades Kindergarten thru 10th grade
- * Sunday September 12th - class begins for grades 4th thru 10th (4th, 5th, 6th grades will meet 9:00am - 10:00am & 7th, 8th 9th, 10th grades will meet 11am - 12pm)
- * Wednesday September 15th, 6-7:15 pm, class begins for grades Kindergarten thru 3rd grade

Students in grades 4th - 10th will meet two Sundays a month between Sunday morning Mass.

Students in grades K-3rd grade will meet two Wednesdays a month 6:00-7:10 pm. All families will receive the schedule at registration.

Confirmation students (11th grade) will receive a letter in the mail this week regarding their registration and schedule for the year.



Parishioners who have difficulty walking in the communion line to receive the Eucharist during Mass may wish to sit in a side pew. Eucharist is brought to all parishioners sitting in the smaller side pews.

Are you wondering if you should stop in to schedule Masses for 2022?

The answer is NO.

The 2022 Mass Book will open later this year. Watch the bulletin for the date. It will be published several weeks before the book opens.



WAYS TO REMEMBER

There are many ways to memorialize both living and deceased family and friends:

- Mass -- \$10
- Sanctuary Candle -- \$10/wk
- Hosts and Wine -- \$40/month
- Beat the Heat/Cancel the Cold -- \$10/day
- Radio Mass Broadcast -- \$100/week
- Memorial Space on the bulletin ads - \$50/wk

Or anything you would like to see in the parish - statues, artwork, equipment.
Please contact Rena in the office or Father Justin.





Dear Parents and Guardians of future altar servers,

It has been some time since we have seen servers assisting at Mass on the altar. We are finally in the position to resume this important ministry for young children, providing them an opportunity to serve our Lord while deepening the roots of their faith during the holy sacrifice of the Mass. As with everything else in the world, changes and adjustments will be occurring in the altar training program. Father Justin is offering a **mandatory** training session for **ALL** servers, both old and new, to orient everyone to new methods while teaching beginners the steps of the way. All children who have made their First Holy Communion are eligible. The training session will be on **TUESDAY, AUGUST 24 from 6 - 7 PM** in the body of the church. A second session will be offered at a later date if needed. If you and your child/children are interested in this ministry, please arrive ten minutes early so that I may record names and give a brief introduction beforehand. As a side note, in the event that missing class time is a concern, the children will no longer be serving weekday Masses with the exception of holy days, special events, and Friday (whole school) liturgies.

Any questions may be addressed to me via phone, text, or email.

Abundant blessings,
Mrs. Joey Kepple

kepplej@eccss.org 814-594-9134 814-772-5255

Marriage Moment -

On Aug. 15 the Catholic Church celebrates the feast of The Assumption of Mary. Whether or not you are Catholic, however, there is another English meaning of "assumption" It's risky in marriage to *assume* too much about your spouse. Do not assume that you will both be alive tomorrow. How might you treat your beloved today if tomorrow brings tragedy?



Have you, or someone you know, thought about becoming Catholic?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

(RCIA) is here to answer your questions about the catholic faith.

If you are not baptized, baptized in another Christian tradition or a Catholic who has not received the Sacrament of confirmation, we would love to hear from you!

There is no commitment other than to let us know how we can help.

We ask all our St. Leo parishioners help by letting those who have questions know about RCIA.

Please contact the parish office at secretary@stleomagnus.org or call 814-772-3135.

ADORATION

Tuesday and Thursday
9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Nothing can compare to the intimate presence of the Lord Jesus in the Eucharist. Come be with Him. Prayers are answered



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KNOW,
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On behalf of Father Justin and the entire parish we want to thank all of our sponsors who advertise in the bulletin. This month we especially recognize:

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ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Baptismal Training Sessions

Sept. 7 at Queen of the World, St. Marys, 814-834-4701

Sept. 22 at Holy Rosary, Johnsonburg, 814-965-2819

Be sure to call ahead for a reservation!

Queen Esther Bus Trip to Lancaster

Wednesday, October 20th. The bus will depart from St. Mary's Parish Annex at 9:15a.m. And return by midnight. \$165 includes bus, show ticket, supper and all tips. Call St. Mary's parish office to make your reservation @ 814-781-1019.

Golf Outing

20th Annual Sacred Heart Golf Outing, Sunday, August 22, 2021. Bavarian Hills Golf Course. Best ball, 4 man scramble. Shotgun start - 1 pm. Price \$65 (\$50 member) Includes: Skins, carts, green fees, dinner, prizes and refreshments on the course. Call John Bauer at Bavarian Hill to sign up at # 814-834-3602 #1. Or Bob Miller at 814-781-7920/814-594-6714 with your handicap.



If you are currently using weekly envelopes to make your church contributions, we encourage you to consider ONLINE GIVING.

Online giving offers flexibility in the frequency of your donations and allows you to choose the source of funds: checking, savings, or credit card. You can give weekly or monthly or customize how often and how much you contribute.

In addition to personal convenience, online giving is a great way to practice good stewardship. Without having to send out monthly packets of envelopes, the parish saves over \$1,000 per year - funds that can be used for other community assistance purposes. More online giving = more annual savings for the parish! In addition to saving money, it's more eco-friendly and an opportunity to practice going green!

Please contact Rena Urmann to discuss your online giving options and have your sign up questions answered at 814-772-3135 or secretary@stleomagnus.org.

CD of A Members - The CD of A Summer Book Club discussion/meal will be held on Wednesday, **August 18 at 6:00 p.m.** Members are asked to bring a dish to share and the main entrée of chicken will be provided. Weather permitting the discussion and meal will be held outside near the playground, otherwise it will be held in the social hall.

CD of A Meeting- Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at 6:30 in the Social Hall with the annual tureen dinner.

The CD of A motto is "Unity and Charity". We provide a unique opportunity, through charitable acts, for women to develop their God-given talents in meaningful ways. Jesus Christ is the heart of our organization. If you would like to become a member of this dynamic group of women contact Linda Facchine @ 814-594-4567 for more information.

Samuel Group

If you as a young adult are wrestling with big questions about your future, don't worry — you are not alone! The Samuel Group is for young adults ages 20-30 who seriously desire to discern God's will for their lives. The Samuel Group is a seven-month journey that includes: monthly gatherings at Saint Mark Catholic Center, spiritual direction, prayer, talks, small group discussion, and accompaniment. The goal of the Samuel Group is for each participant to grow in self-knowledge and to hear and respond to God's call with an open heart. Applications are due September 1. Please visit our website for our informational video and application details: <https://www.eriescd.org/youth/samuelgroup.html> For more information contact Director of Vocations, Fr. Scott Jabo, at SWJabo@eriescd.org or Jillian Zaczyk, Director of Young Adult & Youth Ministry, at jzaczyk@eriescd.org



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9 am - noon & 1pm - 4 pm ,
Friday - CLOSED (but call and leave message.
Fr. Justin will check messages)



Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 14 - Vigil -the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 5:15 pm **Vinnie, Lucy, Luigi & Caroline LaValle** (Frank & Caroline Armanini, Jr.)

Sunday, August 15- The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 8:00 am **Janice & Joseph Casolo** (Family)
 10:00 am **People of St. Leo Parish**

Monday, August 16 -Weekday in Ordinary Time
COMMUNION SERVICE

Tuesday, August 17 - Weekday in Ordinary Time
 8:30 am **Eugene Facchine** (Family)

Wednesday, August 18 - Votive Mass of St. Joseph
 8:30 am **Richie Nelson** (Gennaro & Cyndi Aiello)

Thursday, August 19 - Weekday in Ordinary Time
 8:30 am **Mary Helen Jacobs** (Bill Jacobs & Family)

Friday, August 20 - St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church
 8:30 am **J. Francis & Mary E. Shea** (Kathy Roemer)

Saturday, August 21 -Vigil - Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:15 pm **Mr. & Mrs. Larry Tagliaferi** (Family)

Sunday, August 15 - Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 am **Tom (T.O.) Fitch** (Steve & Diane Piccirillo)
 10:00 am **The People of St. Leo Parish**

BEAT THE HEAT †WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYER†

August 15
 Catherine & Fred Bowers
 Max & Berice Bauer

August 22
 John Fernan
 Art Aiello

The Parish offers our prayers and sympathy to the family of Tom Pontzer, husband of Cecelia Pontzer. May he, and all the faithful departed, rest in eternal peace!

Prayer to Saint Joseph by Pope Leo XIII

To be recited after praying the Holy Rosary

To thee, O Blessed Joseph, we fly in our tribulation and after imploring the help of thy holy Spouse, with confidence we ask also for thy intercession. By the affection which united thee to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God, and by the paternal love with which thou didst embrace the Child Jesus, we beseech thee to look kindly upon the inheritance which Jesus Christ acquired by His Precious Blood, and with thy powerful aid to help us in our needs.

Protect, most careful guardian of the Holy Family, the chosen people of Jesus Christ. Keep us, loving father, from all pestilence of error and corruption. From thy place in heaven be thou mercifully with us, most powerful protector, in this warfare with the powers of darkness and, as thou didst once rescue the Child Jesus from imminent danger of death, so now defend the Holy Church of God from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity. Guard each of us by thy constant patronage, so that, sustained by thy example and help, we may live a holy life, die a holy death, and obtain the everlasting happiness of heaven. Amen

The Wine and hosts for the month of August have been donated in memory of Clara Jane Mago from George & Karen Kutcher.

The Sanctuary Candle for the week of August 15th will burn in memory of Susan Cianca from Mary Ann Cianca..

Mass Ministry Schedule Weekend of August 22, 2021

	5:15 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Eucharistic Minister	M Martinez	J Stager	T Buchheit
Lector	W Fernan	J Allenbaugh	D Paige
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