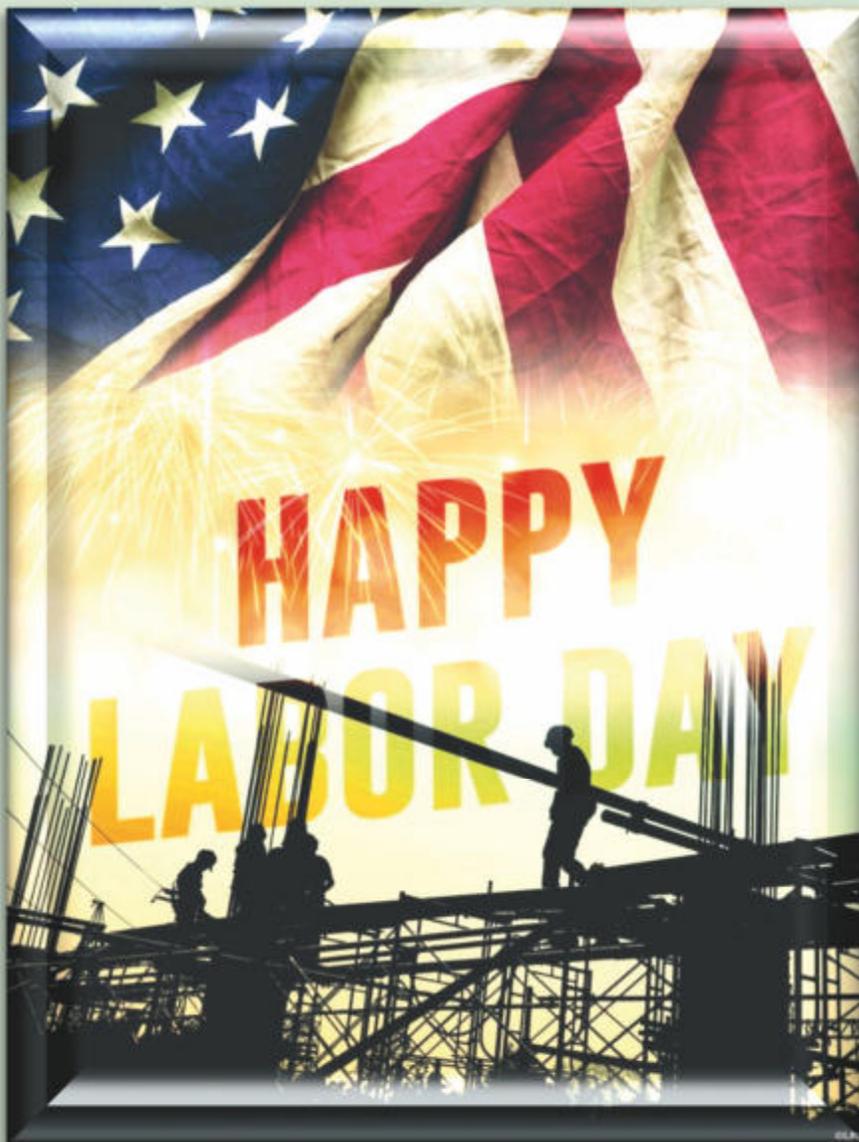


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Saturday evening: 5:15 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

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(97.5 WDDH)

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday thru Friday: 8:30 a.m.

Holy Day Masses:

Evening before: 6:00 p.m.

On the Holy Day: 8:30 a.m. &
12:05 p.m.

Confessions:

Wednesdays 4:00-6:00 p.m.

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9 am - 9 pm ~ Please sign up for an hour***

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Choosing Deafness

If you're a parent, you know that hearing evaluations are usually done at a child's annual physical exam starting around age four. The little person gets hoisted up onto the exam table, fitted with a pair of special headphones, and then they need raise their hand when they hear a sound.

I bet all of us parents who have sat through one of these tests with a preschooler — especially a particularly strong-willed one — have experienced a moment where we ask ourselves: I wonder if there's something wrong with her hearing. Is that why she doesn't listen to me? 'Come here, put on your shoes, pick up your toys, finish your carrots, don't touch that' — she isn't being naughty, she just can't hear it!

And then that moment, for those of us whose kids passed the hearing test with flying colors, comes crashing down into a realization that, yep, they can hear just find. They're just choosing deafness.

But how can we really get mad when we remember that we do the same thing to God day in and day out? I often wonder if God, sitting in His Heaven, tires of calling to us in the same way young parents tire of calling out unheeded directions to their small children. Help that person. Hear My voice. Open your heart. Give of yourself here. Talk to Me.

What is the call He wishes you to hear today? Can you hear it? Are you listening?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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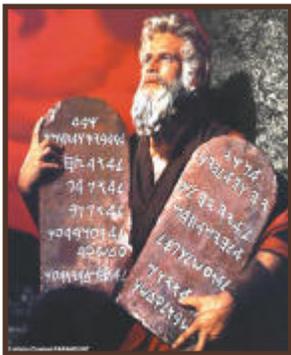
- New Registration*
- Change of Address or Phone*
- Moving Out of the Parish*
- Need Envelopes*

From the Pastor's Desk

WAKE UP WORLD! ALL LIFE IS PRECIOUS!: *the Fifth Commandment* Ten Commandments Series Part V of X

My dear parish family:

Nearly 40 years ago in a speech in New York City, the late Joseph Cardinal Bernardin of Chicago introduced the “seamless garment” approach to the conversation of pro-life activities. Using the biblical image of the garment worn by Jesus that the soldiers would not cut at the foot of the Cross, the cardinal connected various issues of life as one undivided crusade, if you will, to show how all abuses toward the dignity of human life must be defended. He connected poverty, euthanasia, nuclear war, abortion and other life issues into a consistent ethic of life at every stage and in every circumstance. So it begs the questions for our reflection this week on the fifth commandment.



Do I respect the inherent goodness and dignity of all human life?

God creates all life out of love, which is beyond all telling or human comprehension and makes it sacred. Here's what the catechism says: “God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning to its end: no one can under any circumstance claim for [oneself] the right directly to destroy an innocent human being” (2258).

Not only as Catholic Christians, but as fellow human beings are called to create a culture of life! The Fifth Commandment says “You Shall Not Kill.” Those four words call us to foster the spiritual, physical, emotional, psychological, and social well-being of ourselves and others. It tells us that murder and any life-threatening acts are never an option. It calls us to recognize that our human freedom and conscience needs to be consistent with God's intention, and follow along with the values that His Son taught us for the protection of human dignity, rather than what society or a select group of people would believe as a law. Remember human laws are usually not exactly in line with God's laws. (AKA – The Ten Commandments)

The CDC reported that between 1973, when the U.S. Supreme Court “legalized” abortion in *Roe v. Wade*, and 2014, more than 43 million abortions were reported to the CDC. This number does not account for unreported or self-induced abortions and those that occurred throughout the rest of the world. The Church has always condemned abortions and proclaims that the right to life begins at conception and continues until natural death. However, the Church extends its mercy and compassion to those persons who regret having had an abortion and to those facing difficult life situations in that regard. Here we see the seamless garment – a consistent ethic of life – but also we witness the inexhaustible mercy and love of God

Page through a daily newspaper. Watch the evening news. You can't miss it: murder, violence, poverty, abuse and neglect, injustice, abortion, drunk driving. Our world is filled with a seemingly endless array of assaults on the sanctity of life. It is so pervasive, in fact, that we've become almost hardened to the everydayness of it all. But then something happens—a tornado strikes a; tower falls; bullets riddle a grammar school; bombs explode—and once again, we are reminded that life is a precious gift that we are called to preserve and protect. We all know the Fifth Commandment: You shall not kill. On its face, it seems an easy commandment to keep. Let us pray that we can keep it always. Let's pray the world will wake up and respect the dignity of all human life – in all its stages – every day!

Here's a prayer then to say today: ***“O God, our Creator, all life is in your hands from conception until death. Help us to cherish our children and to reverence the awesome privilege of our share in creation. May all people live and die in dignity and love. Bless all those who defend the rights of the unborn, the handicapped and the aged. Enlighten and be merciful toward those who fail to love, and give them peace. Let freedom be tempered by responsibility, integrity and morality.”***

“Then God spoke all these words: ‘I am the LORD your God.’” (Exodus 20:1-2)

May we listen and love Him in new ways as our journey of faith continues!

Father Justin



Weekend of August 29, 2021

<u>Weekly Contributions</u>	<u>Weekly Budget</u>
\$7,381	\$10,160
<u>Contributions Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget Year to Date</u>
\$66,186	\$91,440

CSA--

due by January 2022
\$46,962

Received to date: \$26,216
72 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: \$136,000

**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.



Please remember to complete and return the parish **census** form .
If you have not received one call the parish office at 814.772.3135.

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.

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.

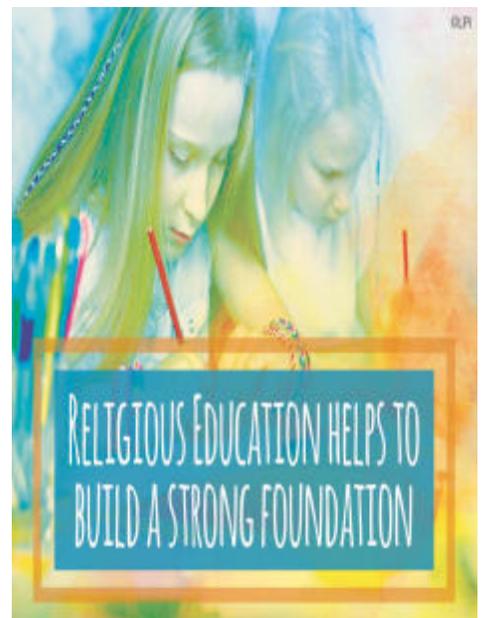


WAYS TO REMEMBER

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.



REMINDING ALL:

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AT ALL TIMES**

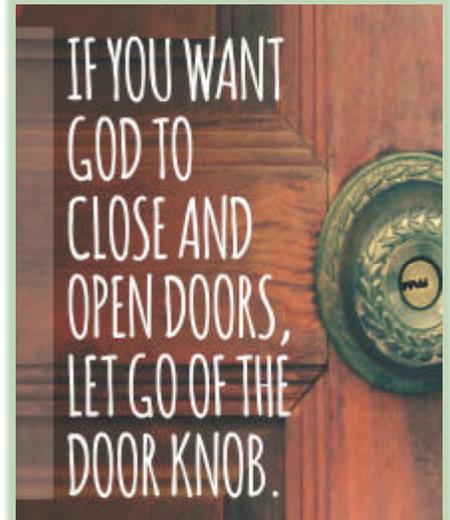
**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE EITHER A HANDICAPPED PARKING LICENSE
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September 8 is Grandparents Day. You may not be a parent or grandparent yourself, but you each have grandparents. Even if they are no longer alive, share one positive memory of them with your beloved. Do you have a quality or talent you learned from them?

ADORATION

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

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Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments - Diocesan Child Protection Policies: The Diocese of Erie, along with all other dioceses in the United States, has policies and procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse and to aid in maintaining safe environments. The three main components of the Policy for the Protection of Children are: screening of all employees and volunteers who work with minors, training of all youth, parents, employees and volunteers, and reporting all suspected child abuse. The diocese is committed to promptly reporting any suspected child abuse directly to ChildLine or law enforcement. The diocese requires on-going screening and training of all personnel, paid or unpaid, who have regular contact with our children and youth under the age of 18. The diocese also requires yearly safe environment training of our children, youth and parents regarding touching-safety and environments. Visit <https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/> to read the policy and learn what the diocese requires for all personnel who work with children and youth in parishes/schools/agencies.



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.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

CD of A Meeting/tureen dinner has bee CHANGED to TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. Feel free to bring your favorite side dish or dessert to accompany the main entrée.

K of C Meeting -

Wednesday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m. at the K of C

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!

Sacred Heart September Bread Sale - Thursday, September 9. Pick up from 3-5:30 p.m. Call 814-834-7861 #1 until Monday, September 6 to order. Pre-orders only.

St. Joseph Parish, Force - Golf Outing and Bocce

Tournament. Sept. 19 at Bavarian Hills Golf Course in St. Marys. Shotgun start at 1 p.m. Cost for golf is \$80/person (\$65 for members). Lunch, cart, greens fee, dinner, prizes and refreshments included. Cost for a 2-person bocce team is \$50/person, which includes lunch, dinner and prizes. For more info contact John Bauer @ 814-834-3602 or Fr. Mastrain @ 814-787-4151, #4.

Concert of Remembrance - 20th anniversary of 911

Some of the best vocalist and musician talent in our area have come together to present this Memorial Concert. St. Tobias Church, Brockway; September 11 at 1:30 p.m. Cost is FREE (with a freewill offering for the Salvation Army in Brockway and Elk County)

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.



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9 am - noon & 1pm - 4 pm ,
Friday - CLOSED

ATTENTION ALL MEN

Need a boost to your faith? Want to gather with other like-minded Catholic men and add a new dimension to your faith? The "That Man is You (TMIT) may be for you. Our program will begin on Tuesday September 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the Ridgway Knights of Columbus building. Great speakers, great comradery and good food. If your Cursillo GR is looking for a venue to meet, then this is the place. Any questions - call Deacon Larry Caggese @ 814-772-4111 or email at LarryCaggese@gmail.com

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Mass Intentions

- Saturday, September 4 - Vigil - Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:15 pm **People of St. Leo Parish**
- Sunday, September 5 - Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 am **Dominic & Elvera Judice** (Art & Mary Therese Cianca)
 10:00 am **Victor Aiello & Joseph Medvid** (Gennaro & Cyndi Aiello)
- Monday, September 6 - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Communion Service
- Tuesday, September 7 - Weekday in Ordinary Time
 8:30 am **Frank Capuccini** (Debby & Charlie Richards)
- Wednesday, September 8 - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 8:30 am **Florendo Facetti** (Linda Johnson)
- Thursday, September 9 - St. Peter Claver, Priest
 8:30 am **Thomas Verbeck** (Family)
- Friday, September 10 - Weekday in Ordinary Time
 8:30 am **Helen Martinez** (Martinez Family)
- Saturday, September 11 - Vigil - Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:15 pm **All those who died on 9/11/2001, 20th anniv.** (Our Parish Family)
 6:00 pm **Prayer Service for the 20th anniversary of 9/11**
- Sunday, September 12 - Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 am **People of St. Leo Parish**
 10:00 am **Liz Mitchell** (Nina & Family)

The Parish offers our prayers and sympathy to the family of Joyce Olson may she and all the faithful departed, rest in eternal peace!

The Sanctuary Candle for the week of September 5th will burn in memory of Emma & Ray Cenni from their family.

The Wine and hosts for the month of September have been donated in memory of Jerry & Anne Kennedy from Annie Schield.

REMEMBER SEPTEMBER 11, 2001
PATRIOT DAY

BEAT THE HEAT

†WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYER†

September 5

Catherine & Fred Bowers

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

Ministry Schedule Weekend and week of September 12, 2021

	5:15 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Altar Servers	J & I Nicklas	J & D Williams	A Corl N Washburn
Eucharistic Minister	L Caggese	B Gausman	S or L Fink
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