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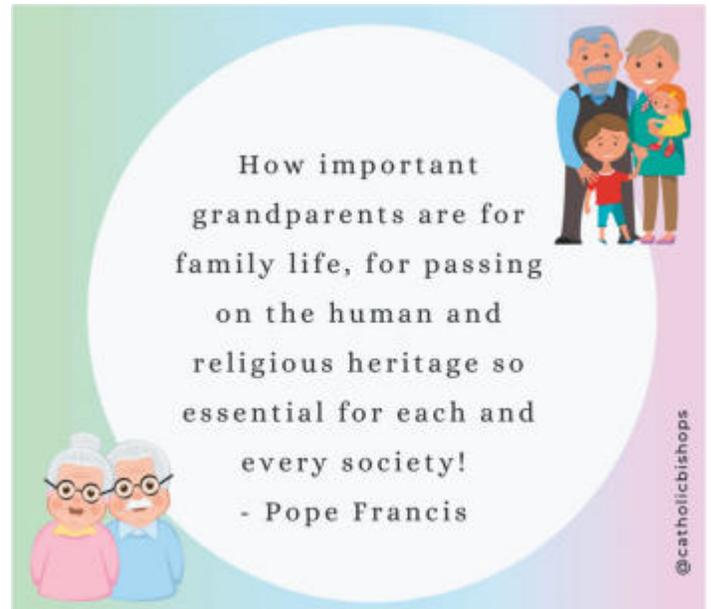
LET US PRAY FOR PEACE ON THIS 20th Anniversary OF
September 11, 2001:

God of understanding, overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy, we seek your light and guidance as we confront such terrible events. Grant that those whose lives were spared may live so that the lives lost here may not have been lost in vain. Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all.

ADORATION

The Adoration team is in desperate need of help.

If you are willing to help please call the parish office at 814.772.3135



How important grandparents are for family life, for passing on the human and religious heritage so essential for each and every society!

- Pope Francis

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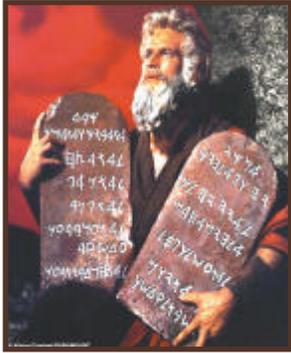
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- New Registration
- Change of Address or Phone
- Moving Out of the Parish
- Need Envelopes

From the Pastor's Desk

FORBIDDEN SUBJECT! REALLY?: *The Sixth Commandment Unveiled* Ten Commandments Reflection Series Part VI of X

My dear parish family:



On our journey towards a deeper understanding and spiritual reflection on the Ten Commandments, we arrive this at the sixth commandment! What is forbidden by this commandment? Just as with the other commandments, there is an obvious level: the sixth commandment forbids all sexual conduct except within a validly sanctioned, marriage. Therefore, it forbids adultery, prostitution, rape and other such terrible wounds that are sadly inflicted on the human person. We know this by reading newspapers and watching the news. However, its tentacles, like that of a rabid octopus, reach far wider. It also includes such habits as masturbation and pornography, just to name a few. Finally, the commandment calls us as faithful Christians not to *trivialize* sexuality, that is, any attempt to wipe away the holiness and sacredness sex so as to make it simply a source of pleasure and recreation, in other words, “a casual thing.” One of the triggers that humanity is caught up in when trying to fight the temptation of breaking this commandment, among other things, is lust, the attitude that sees another as a mere object, and not to be given the full respect that is necessary and is a God-given gift to all human persons – yes, ALL human persons.

Nevertheless, the sixth commandment is more than series of “thou shall not’s,” just like the other nine! Properly respected, this commandment helps nurture an understanding within which sexuality can be what the Creator intended it to be, a powerful, life-giving, family building, soul stabilizing experience that gives us the delight for which we were made. However, this needs explanation, the theologian Father Ron Rohlheiser, O.M.I. explains in this way, and I quote him:

“Sexuality is more than just having sex. It is a dimension of our self-awareness, an all-embracing yearning inside of us within which we feel that we have been cut off and within which we hunger for union again with the whole. In sexuality we are haunted by the fact that we are one small fragment of something larger, that we are away from home, and that, above all else, we would like to go home. Hence, sexuality is nostalgia, a drive, a fire, a pressure for connection: connection in love to community, family, friendship, creativity, play, marital union with another person, and immortality. To have these in our lives is to sleep with someone; to not have them is to sleep alone, irrespective of how much or little sex we might be having. The sixth commandment tries to protect and nurture this understanding.”

Among all the things that the Creator gave us, the gift of sex, is perhaps the most powerful, beautiful, and life-giving. It is, however, when abused, also perhaps potentially the most destructive. Few things heal or hurt the soul as deeply as does sex. It is a gift when properly respected, a perversion when not. In either case, it is a powerful fire. As God spoke to Moses upon Mount Sinai, to not commit adultery is, ultimately, a matter of respect. To keep the sixth commandment is to properly respect the sacredness, beauty, and the power of that great fire. Recall when God spoke again to his servant Moses from the Burning Bush – from a fire that did not destroy, but illuminate the heart! By not committing adultery is to have our shoes off before the burning bush because we know we are on holy ground.

It is true the human body – our human sexuality can be confusing, complicated and at times frustrating and frightening. However, that is natural and if we look at our sexuality as a gift and not some forbidden subject with a strange Puritan mindset, I believe we’ll be amazed at how better we can express love: love for God, love for others, love for ourselves! I asked a priest once, “When do sexual frustrations and temptations stop?” His answer: “Ten minutes after your dead!!” Therefore, we have some work, some praying, some loving to do!

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 September, 2021

Information not available at time of printing

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 you 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 or need another call the parish office at 814.772.3135.



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

Online giving offers flexibility I 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.

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.

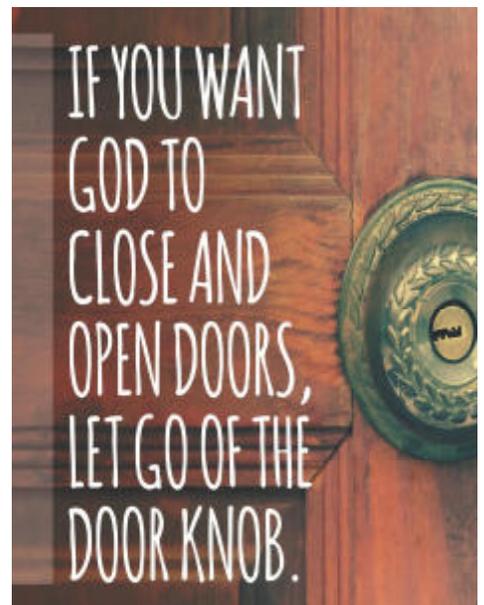


WAYS TO REMEMBER

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.





**NEW ICON IN
GATHERING SPACE**

In commemoration of Pope Francis' institution of the first World Day of Prayer for Grandparents in July, Father Justin gifted the parish with this beautiful icon of Jesus' grandparents - Saints Joachim & Anne. The icon was given in memory and honor of Father's grandparents: Leonard & Josephine Mick - Joseph & Christine Pino. Let us pray always for all our grandparents, both living and deceased.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

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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.

**MONTHLY SPONSOR
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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

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.

Baptismal Training Sessions

Sept. 22 at Holy Rosary, Johnsonburg, 814-965-2819
Be sure to call ahead for a reservation!

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.

Bethany Retreat Center - Fall Work Day. September 25, 2021. 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. They have jobs for all ages and skill levels. Come and stay for a few hours or the entire day. For more information call 814-263-4855 or email DeborahBRC12@gmail.com

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.

"**Social Friendship**" retreat based on "Fratelli Tutti", the most recent letter (encyclical) by Pope Francis, will be offered at Olmsted Conference Center in Ludlow, PA. Presenter is Sr. Dorothy Stoner, OSB with Sr. Marian Wehler, OSB and Sr. Tina Geiger, RSM assisting. This overnight retreat, Noon-noon, Thursday-Friday, Oct. 21-22 will include 4 meals and a book. Fee is \$50. To register, email Sr. Tina at srtina@gmail.com as soon as possible, since rooms are limited.

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SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday - CLOSED

CLOSED HOLY DAYS AND HOLIDAYS

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 (TMIY) 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



You don't want to miss this!!

K of C Super 300 Winners September 1 - 6, 2021

<u>Day</u>	<u>Amt.</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Ticket #</u>
1	\$100	Patty Hoh	296
1 - Bonus	\$250	Tina Aiello	146
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Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 11 - Vigil -Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:15 pm **All those who died on 9/11/2001** (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 Stolburg & Family)

Monday, September 13 -St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Communion Service

Tuesday, September 14 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:30 am **Alice Kennedy** (Dolores Miller)

Wednesday, September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows

8:30 am **Dorothy Armanini** (Mary Molneayux)

Thursday, September 16 - St. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop Martyrs

8:30 am **Rose M. Riccardo** (Family)

Friday, September 17 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am **Lucy Caggese** (Becky & Denny)

Saturday, September 18 -Vigil - Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:15 pm **Leo & Theresa Zamoski** (Family)

Sunday, September 19 - Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am **Marshall Armanini** (Family)

10:00 am **Deceased Members of K of C, Court #1064** (K of C)

The Sanctuary Candle for the week of September 12th will burn in memory of Eugene Facchine from their Family.

BEAT THE HEAT

†WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYER†

September 19
Art Aiello

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
Lector	WJ Fernan	J Allenbaugh	C Tutton
Money Counters	Team 2	Altar Guild For 9/10	Group 1 Pew 1
Ridgemont Minister	C Tutton	Hi-Rise Minister	Coming Soon!



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