



NOVEMBER 30, 2014
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. LEO'S / HOLY ROSARY PARISH

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READINGS: (Dec. 7) Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85: 9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

As we await new heavens and a new earth, let us make clear the way of the Lord by being servants of justice, truth, and peace.

As we begin this season of Advent, we look more deeply at our lives and prepare our hearts for Christ. What is calling us into the light? Are we willing to let the divine potter fashion what is best for our lives? May we prepare ourselves to be all that God created us to be.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Parish Office Hours:
Monday through Friday
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

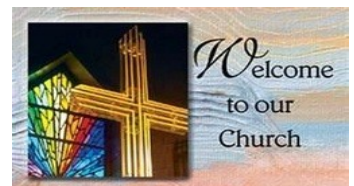
WEEKEND — Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
WEEKDAYS — 8:00 a.m. all weekdays except Wednesday
HOLY DAYS — (Vigil) 5:15 p. m. (day) 8:00 a.m. , Noon & 7:00 p.m.

VIETNAMESE MASS: There will be a Vietnamese Mass on Sunday, December 14, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

All weekdays except Wednesday at 7:45 a.m.
Saturday — 3:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. or by appointment

NEW PARISHIONERS: We, St. Leo's/ Holy Rosary Parish, welcome new parishioners to register with our parish by calling the Rectory at 570-825-6669 or stop by during office hours. We are handicap accessible in the rear side of the church. We also invite you to visit our web page at <http://stleos-holyrosary.org>. Thank you.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / CCD INFORMATION

Our CCD Motto is “**MASS AND CLASS OR CLASS AND MASS**”.

Classes from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Sunday.

NO CCD: There will be no CCD classes this Sunday, November 30. Classes will resume on Sunday, Dec. 7.

CHILDREN’S MASS: There will be a children’s Mass on Sunday, December 21 at 8:30 a.m. Please bring your children to attend and participate in the mass.

SAVE THE DATE: First Penance will be celebrated on **Saturday, January 24, 2015** at 11:00 a.m. Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Tuesday, April 7, 2015** at 5:00 p.m. by Emeritus Bishop John M. Dougherty. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on **Saturday, May 2, 2015**, at 11:00 a.m. Please save these important dates in your calendars. Thank you.

SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN: As we begin CCD classes, please lookout for the safety of our children especially as they are dismissed from class at 10:30 a.m. when you may be arriving for 11:00 a.m. Mass. Thank you.

PERPETUAL NOVENA IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL: Every Monday after 8 a.m. Mass the Novena will be prayed. Please come to honor our Blessed Virgin Mary.

DEVOTIONS IN HONOR OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS: Every First Friday of the Month we will have devotions in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus following 8 a.m. Mass.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND: Eucharistic ministers from St Leo’s/Holy Rosary take Holy Communion to the sick and homebound. Calls are made on the First Friday and Third Sunday of every month. Please advise family members or friends who cannot attend Mass that they can have a Holy Communion Minister bring the Lord in the Eucharist. Please call the rectory, Toni Riscavage, 868-8215 or Paul Golias, 829-6251 to be placed on the list.

WINTER WEATHER: When attending mass during the winter season because of slippery conditions please enter through the church hall or use the church side door. Thank you.

THANK YOU: The St. Vincent DePaul Society wishes to thank all who baked, purchased, donated and worked at last weekend’s bake sale. It made the Bake Sale a great success and it is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

THANK YOU: Thanks to all those who participated in The Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service. A special thanks to those who donated food to the food pantry and to those who baked for the reception. May God Bless You.

LOTTERY TICKETS: St. Vincent DePaul Society will be selling lottery calendars for the month of Feb. with 2 numbers on each ticket in the rear of the church during the month of Dec. They are \$5.00 each. For more information please contact Christine Casey at 825-5293.

LECTORS: The new 2015 Workbook for Lectors is available in the Sacristy. Please pick up as soon as possible. Thank you.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MONDAY, DEC. 8: On Monday we celebrate the patronal day of the United States, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We believe that she herself was free from the stain of sin from the moment of her conception. Mary is the perfect Advent model for us. As we imitate her faithfulness, we say “yes” to God’s invitation to bring Christ to the world. There will be two Masses at 8: 00 a. m. and 5:15 p.m. at St Leo’s/Holy Rosary Church. Please come to honor our Blessed Virgin Mary.

SUMMER FESTIVAL 2015: We met for the 1st time and the Committee has been formed. Arlene Walsh is the Chairperson and Rose Murray is the Co-Chairperson. The dates of our Summer Festival are June 25, 26 & 27. Please save the date and come to the next meeting on Monday, Dec. 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall. This is our most important parish activity. Thank you so much for your dedication and service to our parish. God Bless you.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: “Transform Lives Together” Please, give generously to God as he gives generously to us, supporting the Diocesan Annual Appeal with our prayers and our gifts. Our parish goal is \$44,000.00. We have collected \$19,935.00. You can send your donation directly to the Office of the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Thank you for your generosity.

GREETERS: The greeters for the weekend of Nov. 29-30 are: Nov. 29 at 4:30 is John Walsh; Nov. 30 at 8:30 a.m. are Angie & Jackson Chapasko and at 11:00 a.m. are Theresa & Ray Yedlock. The Greeters for the weekend of Dec. 6-7 are: Dec. 6 at 4:30 p.m. is Dorothy Hess; Dec. 7 at 8:30 a.m. are Barbara & Dan Piestrak, and 11:00 a.m. is Bonnie Lazar.

THE GIVING TREE: The Giving Tree is up. Please take an ornament home and purchase a gift for someone who needs help this Christmas. Gifts should be brought to the Sanctuary by Sunday, December 14th. Please do not wrap the gifts; simply place the paper ornament on your gift. Thank you.

CHOIR PRACTICE: Choir practice will be held every Wednesday. The Youth Choir will meet at 6:00 p.m. The Adult Choir will meet at 7:00 p.m. All parishioners are welcome to come and raise their voices in praise. Looking forward to seeing everyone there! For questions please call Bob Passeti, Music Director at 570-814-1747. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: The Adult and Children's choir will present their annual Christmas Concert on Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the church. Everyone is invited.

ASHLEY FOOD PANTRY: in addition to our usual monthly food distribution, the pantry staff hopes to provide each family with food items for a Christmas meal. Items needed include mashed potatoes, stuffing, canned yams, cranberry sauce and gravy. In September we served 92 families and in October 93 families. We have an ambitious goal so we hope we can count on your support. Donations may be dropped off in the vestibule until December 14. Thank you.

ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN'S SOCIETY: The Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society will meet on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 2 p.m. to discuss the upcoming cookie sale & Piggie Dinner. Hostesses will be Mary Lou Kelly, Margaret Woznock & Joan Latzko. New members are always welcomed. Christmas Wafers/Oplatki will be offered again by the Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society in the vestibule on the 4 weekends of Advent. This wafer symbolizes Christ as it is shared as a sign of peace & hope at the beginning of our Christmas Eve dinner. Volunteers are Nov. 29 at 4:30 p.m. Nancy Walton; Nov. 30 at 8:30 a.m. Mary Carol Gabla; 11:00 a.m. Mary Lou Kelly & Margaret Woznock; Dec. 6 at 4:30 p.m. Mary Bozinko & Joan Latzko; Dec. 7 at 8:30 a.m. Rose Mary Strish; 11 a.m. Mary Frances & Tom Heiser. The Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society will have a Christmas Cookie Sale on Dec. 13 & 14 before and after all weekend Masses. Members and parishioners are encouraged to bake their favorite Christmas cookies for the sale. Our Society appreciate all the support and donations of everyone in the parish. Thank you.

SHUT-IN'S: The Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society and the Holy Name Society annually light candles for the Shut-In's of our parish. If you know of a parishioner who is in a nursing home or a Shut-In at home please inform Rose Mary Strish at (570) 825-3681 and we will put them on our list for a candle. A Shut In is one who only gets out to the doctors.

ANNOUNCEMENT IN BULLETIN: Attention Societies and organizations, if you would like to place an announcement in the bulletin, the deadline is Tuesday. Also, please send Father your Association activities dates so that we can reserve your date in the church hall. Please call the Rectory at 570-825-6669 or drop off your announcement at the office. Thank you.

CYRENIANS: The Cyrenians will meet on Sunday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. in the Church hall. All members are invited to attend.

BOOKS FREE: There are hard cover and paperback books available in the Church hall. Please take what you want.

CHURCH CLEANING: There will be a church cleaning on Tuesday, December 9th and Saturday, December 13th at 9 a.m. If you are able to help, please come. Thank you.

SNOW SHOVELING: If anyone is interested in shoveling snow and snow throwing (must be over 18) from the church sidewalks and steps please contact the rectory (570) 825-6669 or see Father.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE: There will be Advent Penance Service at Holy Family Parish, Sugar Notch on Wednesday, December 10th at 7p.m., St. Leo's/Holy Rosary on Sunday, December 14th at 4 p.m., St. Al's on Tuesday, December 16th at 7 p.m.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Please pray for Jared & Debbie Bellas, John Lucas, Rita Bly, Lois O'Hara, Flavia Pollick, Florence Ryder, Ron Warke, Marie & Robert Cronauer, Joseph Nealon Sr., Julie Harlen, Lorraine Shinko, Dolores Cunningham, Theresa Kerick, Dane McSparron, Mary Golias, Eileen Aukstakalnis, Tom Smith, Joyce Kahlau, Marion Ferguson, Harry Bobos, Joyce Seiger, Jerry Cavanaugh, Barbara Smith, Geri Truschel, William Vancosky, Katherine Svetz, Joseph Murray, Bonnie Magda, Albert Finnarelli, Frank Kempf, Helen Ungvarsky, Louise & Ron Brandt, Robert Lusk, Bob Youngblood, Paul Nice, Jean Wiernusz, Dee Ruda, John H. Hopper, III, Karen Hannis, Joan Grow Chowski and Leonard Kelly and the faithful departed and all our parishioners. We will be listing in the bulletin names of people who and are ill or need our prayers. If you have someone you would like us to pray for, please call Marianne at the rectory office 570-825-6669.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	12/01	8:00 AM	Special Intention	
Tuesday	12/02	8:00 AM	Mary Makowski	Family
Wednesday	12/03		No Mass	
Thursday	12/04	8:00 AM	David Roche	Wife
Friday	12/05	8:00 AM	Jean O'Donnell	Daughter, Arlene McGowan
Saturday	12/06	4:30 PM	Jude Schappert	Family
Sunday	12/07	8:30 AM	For Our Parishioners	
		11:00 AM	John Shulo	Wife

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK FOR THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS. A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY HIS FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF DONNA CASEY BY THE LARRY CASEY FAMILY & GRANDCHILDREN; IN MEMORY OF MATILDA NARDONE AND ROBBIE NARDONE FROM YOUR FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF KIMBERLY KRAKAUSKI BY KATHY MASTALETZ & JULIE A MASHER.

A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF FRANCIS & HELEN PELSKI BY THEIR DAUGHTER; IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH MCDONALD BY HIS FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF MR. & MRS. JOSEPH CASEY BY THE LARRY CASEY FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF ANN MARIE AND GEORGE KARLO BY HELEN KARLO; IN MEMORY OF "THE CHIEF"—TOM ENGLE FROM CAROLE KNEAL AND GARY BURCZY; IN MEMORY OF JACOB J. DOMYAN, JR. BY SISTERS & BROTHERS

Please remember them in your prayers.

CANDLES: There are still Sanctuary, Blessed Mother and Sacred Heart Candles available for 2014/2015. If you would like to dedicate a candle for someone, please call the rectory at 570-825-6669.

CHRISTMAS MASSES: Christmas Eve, December 24th at 4 p.m. and 10 p.m. and Christmas Day, December 25th at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

PARISH MINISTRIES : St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Parish needs lay ministers in several areas to serve the parish and its members. **Youth Altar Servers** are need for weekend Masses. **Adult Altar Servers** are need for weekday Masses. We also need Adult Servers to serve at Funeral Mass. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** to the homebound are needed. We need at least six (6) as this ministry has mushroomed. Communion is taken on First Friday after the 8 a.m. Mass and on the third Sunday after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Service will be every other month if we have adequate staffing. You also have the option to minister at Masses. Pope Francis has reminded us that the obligation to share the Gospel and care for and serve others comes with baptism and so one is excused from the task, so please respond to the call of Pope Francis to evangelize. The example of your service and loving outreach are signs that we embrace and care for our brothers and sisters. Training is offered for all ministries. Please, call the rectory at 825-6669, or speak to Father Dang. Also Toni Riscavage (868-8215) and Paul Golias (829-6251) for more information.

YOUTH GROUP: On Sunday 11/30/14 from 3-6 p.m. the Youth Group will be available to wrap all your Christmas Gifts. A small fee of \$1.00 per gift. Light refreshments and Christmas music will be provided. Come sit and relax while we wrap your gifts.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH-SUGAR NOTCH: Potato Pancake and Sausage and Peppers salé will be held on Sunday, Nov. 30 from noon to 4 p.m. at Holy Family Church. Eat in or Take out.

FOOD BANK ITEMS IN SPECIAL NEED:

Hot Chocolate, Peanut Butter, Mac & Cheese, Beef Stew, Spaghetti Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Tea, Snacks, Tuna or Hamburg Helper, & Spaghettios

COMMITMENT OF TREASURE

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful

Weekly Collection for 11/23/14

\$4,826.25