



DECEMBER 7, 2014
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. LEO'S / HOLY ROSARY PARISH

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READINGS: (Dec. 14) Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 Lk 1:46-50, 53-54 1Thes 5: 16-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
 John witnesses to one who is to come, one far mightier than he, one who will proclaim freedom and deliverance from sin and death. As we await his coming again in glory, let us join with Mary in signing the praises of God.

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.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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

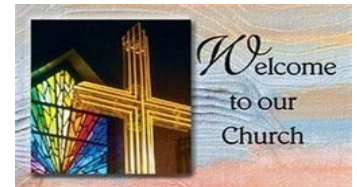
WEEKEND — Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
WEEKDAYS — 8:00 a.m. all weekdays except Wednesday
HOLY DAYS — (Vigil) 5:15 p. m. (day) 8:00 a.m. , Noon & 7:00 p.m.

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.

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.

2ND COLLECTION: There will be a 2nd collection this weekend Dec. 6/7 for Care and Education of Priests. Please be generous. God Bless you always.

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.

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.

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. 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 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 greeters for the weekend of Dec. 13-14 are: Dec. 13 at 4:30 p.m. is Ellen Davis; Dec. 14 at 8:30 a.m. is Frank Aukstacinis and at 11:00 a.m. is Catherine Smith.

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to the newly baptized members of our parish Zoe Catherine David, daughter of Brian David and Heather Gutkowski, on Saturday, November 29 and Aubriella Mae Lamela, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Manuel Lamela III, on Sunday, November 30. May God Bless them.

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.

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.

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 Dec. 13, at 4:30 p.m. Maggie Falcheck, , Flossie Jablonski, Mary Lou Kelly, Marge Woznock, Rose Mary Strish; Dec. 14 at 8:30 a.m. Mary Carol Gabla, Mary Lou Cook, Rose Mary Strish; 11:00 a.m., Rose Deno, Nina Deno, Donna Rinieli, Marianne Shulo and Rose Mary Strish.

Christmas Cookie Sale: 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. Please pack them in baggies in sets of 6 or 12 and mark the bag with the type of cookie you are donating. They can be brought to the church hall on Sat. Dec. 3 after 3 p.m. 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-Ins 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 and Christmas Card. A Shut In is one who only gets out to the doctors.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: The Holy Name Society would like to thank all of those who supported our recent Turkey Bingo and made it a great success. The Holy Society will meet on Sunday, Dec. 14 at noon in the church hall.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The Knights of Columbus will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. in the church hall. All members are encouraged to attend.

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.

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.

DECORATING THE CHURCH: We will decorate the church on Sat. Dec. 20 at 9 a.m. for the Christmas celebration. If you are available to help, please come. Thanks you.

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 Ungvasky, Louise & Ron Brandt, Robert Lusk, Bob Youngblood, Paul Nice, Jean Wiernusz, Dee Ruda, John H. Hooper, III, Karen Hannis, Joan Grow Chowski, Leonard Kelly, James Curry and Richard Curry, Ann Fedak 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	12/08	8:00 AM	Jacqueline Kovelaski	Mother
		5:15 PM	Louis Temperine	Paul Viti
Tuesday	12/09	8:00 AM	Anne & George Strish	George & Rose Mary Strish
Wednesday	12/10		No Mass	
Thursday	12/11	8:00 AM	Edward Borkowski	Wife & Sons
Friday	12/12	8:00 AM	Anthony Gorham	Family
Saturday	12/13	4:30 PM	Special Intentions	
Sunday	12/14	8:30 AM	For Our Parishioners	
		11:00 AM	Stella McCann	Jack & Joann McCann

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF ROSE & JACK WALSH BY MOLLY JONES.

A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY HIS FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH E. BRADSHAW BY NORENE BRADSHAW; IN MEMORY OF MARY ALICE MAKOWSKI BY COLLEEN NEALON CALENTI.

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 IRENE DRAZBA BY HER HUSBAND AND DAUGHTER.

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 such as **Youth Altar Servers, Adult Altar Servers, Lectors, & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.** 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.

ASHLEY LION'S CLUB CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY: The Ashley Lion's Club will host a Children's Christmas Party on Sat. Dec. 20 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. in St. Leo's Church Hall. Food and drinks will be provided. Santa will be present and all children will receive a gift. If you have questions, contact the Lion's club.

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

2015 CALENDARS: The calendars are available in the rear of the church. Feel free to help yourselves. We would like to thank George Strish, Inc. and Lehman Family Funeral Service, Inc. for sponsoring our calendar this year.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: We encourage parishioners to use your Christmas Flower envelope. It helps defray the costs of decorating our church. Please clearly write your name on the envelope so we can publish the names of those who donated. Thank you and God Bless.

FOOD BANK ITEMS IN SPECIAL NEED:
Stew, Spaghetti Sauce, Soup, Fruit, Drinks & Spaghetios

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 11/30/14

\$4,779.60