



**DECEMBER 14, 2014
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

ST. LEO'S / HOLY ROSARY PARISH

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<u>Weddings</u>	Call the Rectory

READINGS: (Dec. 21) 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29, Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38
David's posterity shall endure forever. His kingship finds its fulfillment in the son of Mary, Jesus the Christ. To him be glory and praise forever.

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.

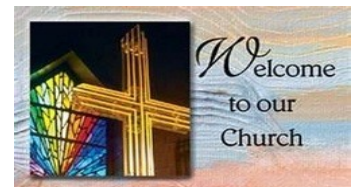
WEEKEND — Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
WEEKDAYS — 8:00 a.m. all weekdays except Wednesday
HOLY DAYS — (Vigil) 5:15 p. m. (day) 8:00 a.m. , Noon & 7:00 p.m.

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.

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Your children’s safety is always the primary concern of ours. Please use your discretion if you choose to send your children to CCD in inclement weather.

CATHOLIC STUDENTS: Those students attending catholic school and belonging to St. Leo’s/Holy Rosary Church should receive the sacraments in our parish. Please register through the office or the CCD Director Michelle Casey at (570)760-9793. Deadline is January 4, 2015. Thank you.

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 week-end Dec. 13/14 for Retirement Fund for Religious. 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 (570) 825-5293.

SUMMER FESTIVAL 2015: 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 \$21,070.00. 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. 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. The greeters for the weekend of Dec. 20-21 are: Dec. 20 at 4:30 p.m. is Catherine Smith; Dec. 21 at 8:30 a.m. is Children’s Mass and at 11:00 a.m. is Rose Wallace.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD/2015 NEW YEAR’S DAY: With the coming of the Lord Jesus, God has blessed the earth with the greatest gift: the promise of eternal life. Just as Mary reflected on the events surrounding Jesus’ birth, so, too, do we ponder the many blessings God has showered on us. As the scriptures are proclaimed, let us pray that this New Year will see ever-new blessings of peace poured out on our weary world. **There will be three masses: on New Year’s Eve Mass will be 4:30 p.m. and on New Year’s Day masses will be 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.** Please come to offer the New Year in God’s providence.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: Every Christmas brings new hope for our world and our lives as we celebrate the birth of Christ, the Prince of Peace. Let us pray that Christ will bestow greater peace on our society and world. As we ask for Christ's gifts of peace, our parish asks for your Christmas gift for our Christmas collection. Please be generous and thank you with all my heart for your special gift to St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Parish this Christmas. Thank you.

THANK YOU: Thank you to those that came to clean the church. May God Bless you always.

THANK YOU: Thank you for your generosity to the 2nd collection last weekend for Care and Education of Priests. God Bless you always.

THANK YOU: Special thanks to our choir members dedication and effort for our Christmas Concert last week. Especially we thank, Mr. Bob Passetti, Director of Music Ministry. May God bless you always.

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 Passetti, Music Director at 570-814-1747. Thank you.

ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN'S SOCIETY: 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. 14 at 8:30 a.m. Mary Carol Gabla, Mary Lou Cook and Rose Mary Strish; 11 a.m. Rose Deno, Nina Deno, Donna Rinieli, Marianne Shulo and Rose Mary Strish; Dec. 20, at 4:30 p.m. Maggie Falchek and Donna Rinieli; Dec 21, at 8:30 a.m. Mary Lou Cook; 11:00 a.m., Mary Frances & Tom Heiser.

Christmas Cookie Sale: The Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society will have a Christmas Cookie Sale on Dec. 13 & 14 before and after Masses. Our Society appreciates 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 Society will meet on Sunday, Dec. 14 at noon in the church hall.

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 St Leo's/Holy Rosary on Sunday, December 14th at 4 p.m. and 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. Thank you.

THE GIVING TREE: This is the last weekend to drop off your gifts for the Giving Tree. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you and God Bless you always.

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, 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. Hooper, III, Karen Hannis, Joan Grow Chowski, Leonard Kelly, James Curry and Richard Curry, Ann Fedak, Amanda Braley 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	12/15	8:00 AM	Charlotte Benco	Charlotte Androckitis
Tuesday	12/16	8:00 AM	Thomas O'Boyle	John & Barbara Bath
Wednesday	12/17		No Mass	
Thursday	12/18	8:00 AM	Mary Theresa Mullin	Jim Mullin & Family
Friday	12/19	8:00 AM	For our Parishioners	
Saturday	12/20	4:30 PM	Michael Boyle	Wife & Family
Sunday	12/21	8:30 AM	Ida Mae Foley	Family
		11:00 AM	Andrew & Anna Krupa	George & Rose Mary Strish

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF SUE HUDA BY MARGARET AND MARIJO ZELINKA.

A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY HIS FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF ROBERT MULLIN SR. BY JIM MULLIN FAMILY.

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 BERNARD MAKOWSKI BY COLLEEN NEALON CALENTI.

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:
Crackers, Coffee, Tea, Vegetable Soup, Beef Stew, Canned Fruit, Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghettios, Tuna Helper and Hamburger Helper.

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 12/7/14	\$7,728.20
Care & Education of Priests	\$501.00