



DECEMBER 28, 2014
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

ST. LEO'S /HOLY ROSARY PARISH

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Baptism Call the Rectory
Weddings Call the Rectory

READINGS: (Jan.4) Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

All nations are invited to sing the Lord's praises for they have been called to hear the good news and worship the long awaited Messiah and King with the gifts of their lives.

Have a Blessed Healthy, and Happy New Year!

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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

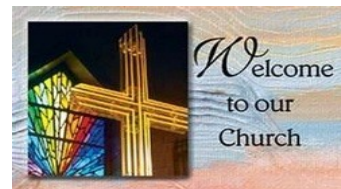
WEEKEND — Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
WEEKDAYS — 8:00 a.m. all weekdays except Wednesday
HOLY DAYS — (Vigil) 5:15 p. m. (day) 8:00 a.m. , Noon & 7:00 p.m.

VIETNAMESE MASS : There will be a Vietnamese Mass on Sunday, January 18, 2015 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 today, Sunday, December 28. Classes will resume on Sunday, Jan. 4.

FIRST PENANCE : Penance Workshop on Sat. Jan. 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the church hall. (for children only). There will be a parents meeting during CCD class on Sun. Jan. 18 in the church. There will be a practice for 1st Penance on Thursday, Jan. 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. (parent or parents to attend as well)

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.

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.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH: The Christmas Season is about celebrating “God is with us”. We are opening ourselves to God's faithful presence and having confidence in God's care and protection is what leads to holiness. The good news is simply being human, being part of God's family. May God help us to live as the Holy Family, united in respect and love so that we live together in peace, joy and happiness.

SUMMER FESTIVAL 2015: The Committee has been formed. Arlene Hooper-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 \$21,905.00. 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. 27-28 are: Dec. 27 at 4:30 p.m. is Faye Klinges; Dec. 28 at 8:30 a.m. is open and at 11:00 a.m. is Catherine Smith. The greeters for the week-end of Jan. 3-4 are: Jan. 3 at 4:30 p.m. are Theresa and Don Kane ; Jan 4. at 8:30 a.m. are Angie and Jackson Chapasko and at 11:00 a.m. is Mary Lou Cook.

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 11a.m.** Please come to offer the New Year in God's providence.

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.

CHURCH ENVELOPES: 2015 Church envelopes are available in the church hall. Please pick them up as soon as possible. If you can't find your envelope, please contact the rectory and we will issue envelopes for you. Thank you for your cooperation and may God Bless you for your faithful service to our parish.

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.

ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN'S SOCIETY: The Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society will meet on Sunday, Jan. 4 at 2 p.m. in the church hall to discuss the up-coming "Piggy Dinner" to be held Sunday, Jan. 18 from noon to 4 p.m. in the church hall. All members are urged to attend.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: The Holy Name Society will meet on Sunday, Jan. 11 at 2 p.m. in the church hall. Immediately after the meeting they will hold their annual smoker. All members are encouraged to attend.

PASTORAL COUNCIL: The Pastoral Council will meet on Monday, Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. in the church hall. All members are urged to attend. Thank you.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY: The St. Vincent DePaul Society will meet on Sunday, Jan. 18 at 2 p.m. in the CCD classrooms.

CYRENIANS: The Cyrenians will meet on Sunday, Jan. 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church hall. All members are urged to attend.

FINANCE COUNCIL: The Finance Council will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 6 p.m. in the rectory. All members are encouraged to attend. Thank you.

YOUTH GROUP: The Youth Group will show a family movie on Sunday, Jan. 25 at 5 p.m. in the church hall. All families are encouraged to attend.

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.

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.

THANK YOU: Father Dang would like to thank all who made Christmas At St. Leo's Holy Rosary Church a glorious celebration. He also wishes to express his heartfelt thanks to all who sent cards and gifts for Christmas. May God bless you with gifts of good health, peace and happiness!

CHILI, CHOWDER, & SOUP CONTEST: The Hanover Area Student Council & JSC are sponsoring the contest to benefit the Ashley Food Bank. It will be held Sunday, Jan. 11 from noon to 2:00 p.m. at the Hanover Area Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria. Adults: \$5.00; Children (6-12) \$3.00 and under 5 is free. Deadline to enter a soup is Tuesday, Jan. 6. Applications available at <http://www.hanoverarea.org>; at the main office, or by calling 831-2300, ext. 229.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: There will be a Christmas Concert at St. Mary's Church of the Immaculate Conception, on Sunday, Jan. 4 at 3 p.m. in the church. The event is free and all are welcome. For more information contact olfstmarys@aol.com or call 570-823-4168.

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, 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, Nancy McGovern, Gerald Mizenko, Robert Pepperling, Appi Pepperling, Margaret Maraski, Florence Borkoski and the faithful departed and all our parishioners. We will be listing in the bulletin names of people who 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	12/29	8:00 AM	Jean Huda	St. Vincent DePaul Society
Tuesday	12/30	8:00 AM	James & Adelene Yourren	Family
Wednesday	12/31	4:30 PM	For Our Parishioners	
Thursday	01/01	8:30 AM	Anna Bukeavich	Son & Family
		11:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Friday	01/02	8:00 AM	Mary Tomlinson	Ray & Jane Clarke
Saturday	01/03	4:30 PM	Rita Emery	The Emery Family
Sunday	01/04	8:30 AM	Nell Chapasko	Jackson, Angie, Carol & Don
		11:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF IN MEMORY OF ANDREW & ANNA KRUPA BY GEORGE & ROSE MARY STRISH.

A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY HIS FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF RITA EMERY BY THE EMERY FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF JEAN HUDA BY THE ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY; IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH R. MERLIE BY MERLIE & BARGER FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF KAY CLARKE BY JIM CLARKE.

A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF FRANCIS & HELEN PELSKI BY THE DAUGHTER; IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH MCDONALD BY HIS FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF FRANCIS CORCORAN BY FRANCES GUTOSKY; IN MEMORY OF EDWARD BIERNACKI BY JO HART AND FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF ELEANOR HUGHES & MICHAEL SKATULER III BY THE MOORE FAMILY.

Please remember them in our prayers.

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

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.

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.

THANK YOU: Thank you to all those who donate food, money or time to the Food Pantry. May God bless you for your kindness, generosity and love.

THANK YOU: Thanks to all who made Christmas at St. Leo's/Holy Rosary a wonderful celebration: The Ministers of Liturgy and Music, (altar servers, ushers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, cantors, lectors, adult choir, children's choir, the instrumentalists); all who contributed generously to the Christmas collection and Christmas flower collection; visitors from far and near. May God Bless you always.

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 12/21/14

\$8,294.38