

MARCH 15, 2015
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



ST. LEO'S / HOLY ROSARY PARISH

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READINGS: (Mar. 22) Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:3-4, 12-15 Heb 5:7-9 Jn 12:20-33

The grain of wheat must die to produce fruit. Such dying must be cultivated by obedience and by our covenant with God, rooted in love and forgiveness.

2016 MASS BOOK: Starting **Wednesday, March 18**, masses for "2016" will be available for purchase. Due to the size of our parish and to be fair to all families, we will be limiting week-end masses to four (4) per family. Daily masses will remain unlimited. All masses must be requested, there are no pre-reserved dates. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call the rectory (570) 825-6669 or see Father Dang. Thank you.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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

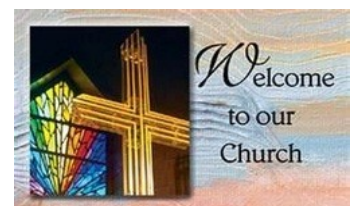
WEEKEND — Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
WEEKDAYS — 8:00 a.m. all weekdays except Wednesday
HOLY DAYS — (Vigil) 5:15 p.m., (day) 8:00 a.m., & 5:30 p.m.

VIETNAMESE MASS: There will be a Vietnamese Mass on Sunday, March 22, 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.

CHILDREN’S MASS: There will be a children’s Mass on Sunday, March 22 at 8:30 a.m. hosted by the Kindergarten CCD class. Please bring your children to attend and participate in the mass.

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 as soon as possible. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE: Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Tuesday, April 7, 2015** at 5:00 p.m. by Emeritus Bishop John M. Dougherty. All students **including those in Catholic School** who plan to receive Confirmation on April 7, 2015, **must** attend Confirmation Preparation Classes at 9:30 a.m. in the Church every Sunday. There will be mandatory Confirmation Rehearsals on March 30 and March 31 at 6:30 p.m. for the candidates only. On April 6 at 6:30 p.m. there will be a mandatory rehearsal for both the candidates and their sponsors. 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.

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

DESIGNER BINGO: St. Leo’s/Holy Rosary and the parish Youth Group are sponsoring a Designer Bingo, Sun. April 19. Doors open at 1:00 p.m. and Bingo begins at 2:00 p.m. \$25 per ticket includes all games plus specials. Must be purchased in advance. Contact Tammy Glasson (570) 479-3414 or Lisa Argenziano (570) 474-2517 if you are able to sponsor an item or need tickets. Thank you!

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: As we come closer to the end of the diocesan annual appeal we are grateful for all your kindness and generosity. Our parish goal is \$44,000.00. We have collected \$22,865.00. Please give what you can and send your donation directly to the Office of the Diocesan Annual Appeal. God Bless you.

GREETERS: The greeters for the weekend of March 14/15 are: Sat. March 14 at 4:30 are Dorothy Hess & Maggie Falchek. Sun. March 15 at 8:30 Children’s Mass and 11:00 Mary Lou Cook. The greeters for the weekend of March 21/22 are: Sat. March 21 at 4:30 is Ellen Davis. Sun. March 22 at 8:30 are Barbara and Dan Piestrak and 11:00 Rose Murray and Trish Savitsky.

TAX STATEMENT: Itemized statements of contributions for tax purposes will be issued to any parishioner requesting one. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENT IN BULLETIN: Attention Societies and organizations, if you would like to place an announcement in the bulletin, the deadline is Tuesday. Thank you.

CHURCH ENVELOPES: If anyone would like envelopes please contact the rectory and we will issue envelopes for you. Thank you and God Bless you.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: The Feast of Divine Mercy will be held at St. Maria Goretti Parish, Laflin Rd., Laflin on Sunday April 12 at 1 p.m. For more information, call Cathy Mack at 570 654-6063.

CHRISM MASS: All the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are invited to attend the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

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.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: The Holy Name Society will continue its Lenten food sales on Friday, Mar. 20. There will be a specialty item of the week. The menu includes Manhattan clam chowder, mushroom soup, pirohy, halushki, tuna hoagies and fudge brownies, coffee, soda, bottled water on the Fridays of Lent. Sales will be held every Friday through March 27, noon to 5 p.m. Eat in or take out. The annual ham & kielbasa bingo will be held Sunday, March 22 starting at 1 p.m. in the church hall. The kitchen will be open! Thank you for your support and patronage!

CYRENIANS: The Cyrenians have re-scheduled their annual **Night at the Races to Saturday, March 21** at the same time. They are still accepting horses for \$10 and sponsors for \$25. Thank you. The next meeting will be Sun. March 15 at 7 p.m. in the Church hall. Bonnie Lazar and Mary Engle will be hostesses.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY: The St. Vincent DePaul Society will hold their monthly meeting, Sun. March 15 at 2 p.m. in the Church hall.

LENTEN REGULATIONS: As Jesus fasted 40 days in the desert, the Church traditionally fasts during Lent. A form of bodily prayer, fasting and abstinence in union with other Christians reminds us of our utter dependence on and love for God. A gesture of repentance, fasting is symbolic of change of heart as we turn away from sin to live in fidelity to the Gospel. **Fasting:** Ages 18-59 fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, limiting ourselves to one full meal and two smaller meals each day, with no snacking between meals. **Abstinence:** Catholics age 14 and older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. **Easter Duty Obligation:** After they have received their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving at least once a year. The precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess their sins at least once a year but this is not limited to the Lenten-Easter Season.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Praying the Stations of the Cross is a way to embrace the passion of Jesus as we journey through Lent. Please join Fr. Dang every Friday evening at 6 p.m. in St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church for this Lenten devotion.

CONFESSION: Again this year, parishes participating in a Lenten initiative called The Light Is On For You. Every Monday evening during Lent, St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church and each parish throughout the Diocese of Scranton will have their "lights on" from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for confession. Father Dang also has the Sacrament of Reconciliation before or after mass by request. Please plan accordingly when fulfilling your Confession Obligation as there will be no other confessions scheduled before Easter.

WASHING THE FEET: Those who would like to volunteer (can be an entire family or children) to have your feet washed on Holy Thursday, April 2 at the 7:00 p.m. Mass, please contact Fr. Dang or call the Rectory at 570 825-6669 as soon as possible. Thank you and God Bless you.

FIRST CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE: to be held Saturday, April 25, at King's College, Scandlon Physical Education Center, 149 N. Main St., W-B. To register, pick up an application at the church office or on line at <http://www.dioceseofscranton.org>. (From the top menu choose "Parish Life and Mass Times" and then "Catholic Men's Conference") The event will feature two nationally known speakers: Fr. Larry Richards author of "Be A Man" & Damon Owens from the Theology of the Body Institute.

ROSARY RALLY: There will be a Rosary Rally at Our Lady of Fatima Grotto on North Street on Sat. March 21 at noon. For information call (570) 846-7684.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Please pray for Jared and Debbie Bellas, John Lucas, Rita Bly, Lois O'Hara, Flavia Pollick, Florence Ryder, Ron Warke, Robert Cronauer, Joseph Nealon Sr., Julie Harlen, Lorraine Shinko, 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, Frank Kempf, Louise & Ron Brandt, Robert Lusk, Paul Nice, Jean Wiernusz, John H. Hooper, III, Karen Hannis, Leonard Kelly, James Curry and Richard Curry, Ann Fedak, Amanda Braley, Nancy McGovern, Gerald Mizenko, Robert Pepperling, Appi Pepperling, Florence Borkoski, Bill Galardi, John Sheeder, Dr. James Poulton, Carla Schlegel, Jackson Chapasko, Hollie Okuniewski-Santay, Naomi Kelly and the faithful departed especially 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	03/16	8:00 AM	Louis Temperine	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Dorosky
Tuesday	03/17	8:00 AM	Joseph Drake	Family
Wednesday	03/18		No Mass	
Thursday	03/19	8:00 AM	Harry Wolovich	Mr. & Mrs. Anthony J. Petroski
Friday	03/20	8:00 AM	Robert Androckitis	Charlotte Androckitis
Saturday	03/21	4:30 PM	Anna Machey	Thomas & Koviack Families
Sunday	03/22	8:30 AM	Michael Collins	Phil & Maire Gorham
		11:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
		2:00 PM	Vietnamese Mass	

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF THOMAS M. HART SR. BY JO HART AND FAMILY.

A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY MOM, DAD, CASEY & JARED, IN MEMORY OF HELEN KOLBICKA BY DAUGHTERS, SANDY AND CHRIS AND FAMILY, IN MEMORY OF DONNA CASEY BY HER HUSBAND, CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN, IN MEMORY OF MARY HUDAK BY FAMILY AND IN MEMORY OF PEGGY MARASKI BY BARBARA AND TOM TURINSKI.

A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF CLYDE E. MEINIEKER BY COLLEEN NEALON CALENTI, DARRELL ADAMS BY JIM MULLIN AND FAMILY AND ROBERT MARASKI BY TOMMY, JOEL AND JUSTIN TURINSKI.

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.

THANK YOU: With gratitude for your Weekly Sacrifice!! We are grateful to all those who financially sacrifice to support our parish and its ministries! May God Bless you for your faithfulness, generosity and love.

SPAGHETTI DINNER BENEFIT FOR BRIAN CLARKE: Brian Clarke of Hanover Township has recently been diagnosed with cancer. To assist him a spaghetti dinner will be held at his parish, St. Andre Bessette, March 22 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the door. For information call Karen Clarke-Hilenski (570) 855-9335.

PIGGIE DINNER: A Piggie Dinner will be held at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in the St. Aloysius Hall on Sat., March 14 from 5 to 7 p.m. and Sun., March 15 from 12 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$9.00. Children accompanied by adult eat free from Children's menu—Hamburg/Hot Dog and chips.

SOUP & SCRIPTURE: St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church will join Centenary United Methodist and Ashley Presbyterian for a joint Soup and Scripture time each Thursday evening during the six weeks of Lent. The Ashley Presbyterian Church will host this event. Soup is served at 6 p.m. followed by scripture.

FOOD BANK ITEMS IN SPECIAL NEED: Coffee, Tea, Vegetable Soup, Tuna Helper, Cereal, Pancake Mix/Syrup and Crackers.

Thank you: Thank you to all who donate to the Ashley Food Pantry. May God Bless you for your kindness and generosity.

COMMITMENT OF TREASURE

UGI Penn Natural Gas March	\$3,179.97
Noble Americas Energy Solutions & PPL	\$626.92
Monthly Diocesan Assessment March	\$2,526.50
Monthly School Subsidy March	\$4599.00
Self Insurance March	\$2,000.00
Weekly Collection for 03/08/15	\$7,249.81
Second Collection for 03/08/15	\$417.35