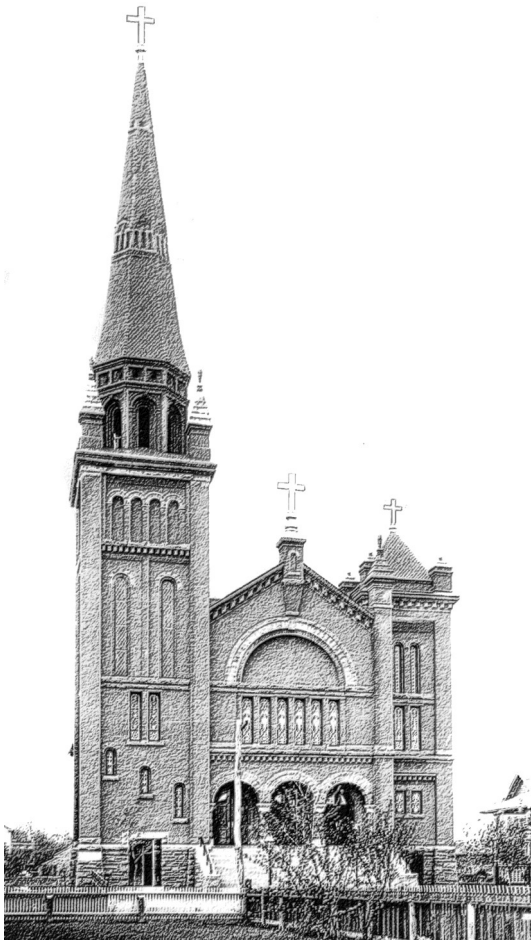


MARCH 29, 2015
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



ST. LEO'S /HOLY ROSARY PARISH

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Weddings: Call the Rectory

READINGS: (April 5) Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9
On this day of days we offer a joyful sacrifice of praise to the Father who raised his son from the dead. Let us by intent upon the life Christ offers us, Christ our Passover who has been sacrificed.

2016 MASS BOOK: Masses for "2016" are 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.

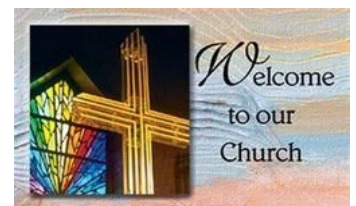
WEEKEND — Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
WEEKDAYS — 8:00 a.m. all weekdays except Wednesday
HOLY DAYS — (Vigil) 5:15 p.m., (day) 8:00 a.m., & 5:30 p.m.

VIETNAMESE MASS: There will be a Vietnamese Mass on Sunday, April 19th 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.

CONFIRMATION CLASS: The following children will be receiving Confirmation on April 7: Kimberly Aldrich, Emily May Apolinaro, Jared Banesh, Rachael Bath, Caitlyn Bly, Emilee Bobos, Raven Bozek, Ariana Brienza, Jesse Brandt, Ashley Bruno, Christian Buckley, Vanessa Buckley, Jillian Clarke, David Durko, Lukas Evans, Maria Fedorczyk, Julia Fritz, Taylor Gavlick, Edward Gensel, Augustus George, Genevieve Gorham, Jarrett Gorham, Ethan Halas, Evan Hontz, Alyssa Hannon, Connor Hummer, Richard Klepadlo, Kylee Kolbicka, Michael Kocher, Todd Kolbicka, Caitlin Rose Lehman, Jack Maertens, Stephanie Mackus, Wyatt Malia, Evan Materna, Hunter Pearson, Joseph Polanowski, Isabella Popson, Sean Quinn, Liam Reilly, Kaleb Rigol, Joseph Rowley, Stephen Rowley, Julianna Saltz, Amanda Skupski, Madison Skwira-McCarthy, Kasidy Slusser, Sarah Tuzinski and Deanna Wadzin. Please pray for these children as they prepare to receive the Sacrament.

THANK YOU: Father Vinnie would like to thank parents, children and teachers who participated in the Children's Mass last Sunday. May God Bless you always.

CHILDREN'S MASS: There will be a children's Mass on Sunday, April 26 at 8:30 a.m. Please bring your children to attend and participate in the mass. Thanks.

CCD: There will be no CCD classes on Easter Sunday, April 5.

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.

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. **Since the First Friday of April falls on Good Friday, April 3, Communion Calls to the ill and homebound will be made Friday, April 10 following the morning Mass.** Anyone wishing to receive Communion may call the rectory, 570 825-6669 or Toni Riscavage, 570 868-8215 or Paul Golias, 570 829-6251.

EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE: April 2, Holy Thursday, The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 p.m., April 3, Good Friday Service at 2 p.m., April 4, Easter Vigil at 8 p.m. and April 5, Easter Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. The Blessing of the Easter Food Baskets will be on Saturday, April 4 at 2 p.m. Please come to celebrate the Easter Triduum at St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church. Altar servers are asked to report to the Sacristy on Holy Thursday by 6:15 p.m. for instructions for that Mass and for the remainder of the Easter Triduum.

CHURCH CLEANING: We will clean the Church on Wed. April 1 at 9:00 a.m. for the Easter Triduum Celebration. If you are available to help, please come and meet in the church. Thank you and God Bless you.

EASTER FLOWERS: We encourage parishioners to use your Easter 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 you for your generosity.

GOOD FRIDAY: There will be a collection on Good Friday for the Holy Land. Please be generous.

PARISH OFFICE: The office will be closed on Good Friday.

GREETERS: The greeters for the weekend of March 28/29 are: Sat. March 28 at 4:30 is Fran Spencer. Sun. March 29 at 8:30 are Mary Carol & John Gabla and at 11:00 are Rose Mary and George Strish. The greeters for Easter Sunday, April 5 at 8:30 is Frank Aukstakalnis and at 11:00 is Rose Wallace.

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.

HOLY SATURDAY: The Eucharistic Lord will be carried in procession in the church on Holy Saturday following Mass. In addition, parishioners representing our societies and ministries will carry the symbols of our faith as presented to us during Holy Week.

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.

ADULT ALTAR SERVER CORPS: The Adult Altar Server Corps is seeking three (3) people willing to serve funerals on a rotating schedule. This is ideal for retirees and especially those who enjoyed serving in their youth, but experience is not necessary. Please contact the rectory at 570 825-6669 to express interest. Thanks.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: The Holy Name Society thanks everyone who supported the Lenten food sales and the annual ham-kielbasi bingo. Your support of these projects is support of our faith community. The Holy Name Society will meet Sunday, April 12 following the 11 a.m. Mass. All men of the parish are welcome!

CYRENIANS: Thank you to all those who supported the Cyrenians annual Night at the Races.

SEDER SUPPER: The Cyrenians will be sponsoring a Seder Supper on Wed. April 1 at 6:15 p.m. in the Church Hall. The dinner is open to the parish and public. Please R.S.V.P. to the rectory (570) 825-6669 if coming and what covered dish you will bring. Dessert will be provided. Any questions, please contact Jackie Lehman.

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.

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. Thank you.

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.

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.

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, Robert Pepperling, Appi Pepperling, Bill Galardi, John Sheeder, Dr. James Poulton, Carla Schlegel, Jackson Chapasko, Hollie Okuniewski-Santay, Naomi Kelly and the faithful departed especially for Gerald Mizenko, Theresa Dieso and Nancy McGovern 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 the rectory office 570-825-6669.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	03/30	8:00 AM	Mary Gdovin Svetz	Marianne Shulo
Tuesday	03/31	8:00 AM	Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Gorham	Family
Wednesday	04/01		No Mass	
Thursday	04/02	7:00 PM	Joseph and Kathryn Morris Jr.	Mary Curry
Friday	04/03	2:00 PM	Good Friday Service	
Saturday	04/04	2:00 PM	Blessing of Easter Food Baskets	
Saturday	04/04	8:00 PM	Joan Thomas	Husband and Children
Sunday	04/05	8:30 AM	For Our Parishioners	
		11:00 AM	Mr. and Mrs. Michael Beres	Daughter and Family

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF BOB BELLES BY KEN AND MOLLY JONES AND FAMILY.

A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF BOB BELLES BY JOHN WASLH, IN MEMORY OF PAULINE KUROVSKY BY PAUL AND ELAINE GOLIAS, IN MEMORY OF DONNA CASEY BY HER HUSBAND, CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN, IN MEMORY OF NANCY MCGOVERN BY MARY AND BILL BLY, MICHAEL BELLAS BY MOM, DAD, CASEY & JARED AND FOR A SPECIAL INTENTION.

A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF THOMAS M. HART SR. BY JO HART AND FAMILY, IN MEMORY OF MARGARET HANNON BY THE HANNON FAMILY AND FOR A SPECIAL INTENTION BY EMMA MARIE MARKEY.

Please remember them in our prayers.

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.

THANK YOU: Fr. Vinnie wishes to thank those who participated in attended the Stations of the Cross during the Lent Season at St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church.

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.

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.

FLEA MARKET: There is no longer a Flea Market in our parish. Please **DO NOT** drop off items. Thank you.

FOOD BANK ITEMS IN SPECIAL NEED: Coffee, Vegetable Soup, Tuna/Chicken/Hamburger Helper, Pancake and Mix/Syrup.

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

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

Weekly Collection for 03/22/15

\$6,294.76