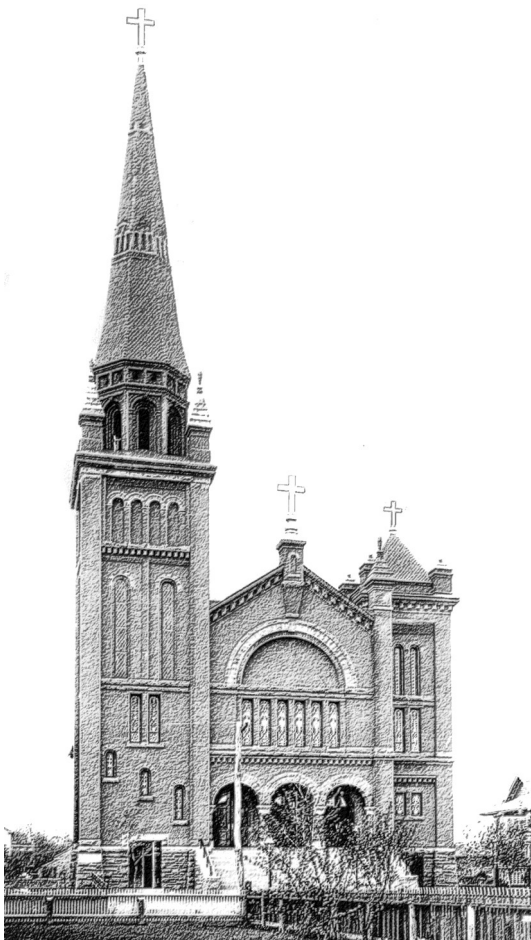


MARCH 1, 2015
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



ST. LEO'S / HOLY ROSARY PARISH

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Weddings: Call the Rectory

READINGS: (Mar. 8) Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 Ps19: 8-11 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25
The law liberates and leads us to freedom. It is to be trusted for it is a source of wisdom. Jesus speaks of the ultimate freedom to be won for us by his being raised up. He is the sign of the power and wisdom of God.

St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Mission Statement

We, the members of the Body of Christ of the Parish of St. Leo's/Holy Rosary, in fullness of love of God and Neighbor, wish to affirm our unity in faith, expressed most completely in the celebration of the Eucharist. We continue the work of our founder Jesus Christ in serving all in healing, charity, religious education, promotion of vocations, community involvement and welcoming all to the fullness of faith through the Sacraments.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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

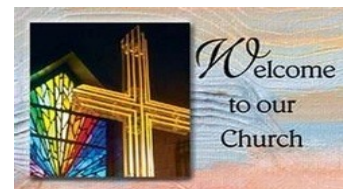
WEEKEND — Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
WEEKDAYS — 8:00 a.m. all weekdays except Wednesday
HOLY DAYS — (Vigil) 5:15 p. m., (day) 8:00 a.m., & 5:30 p.m.

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.

THANK YOU: Thank you to the parents who brought their children to participate in the children’s mass. May God Bless you for loving your children.

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

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 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. 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.

SUMMER FESTIVAL 2015: The Committee has been formed. Arlene Hooper-Walsh is the Chairperson and Rose Murray is the Co-Chairperson. There will be a festival meeting on Sunday, March 8 at noon in the Education Center. 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 \$22,530.00. Please give what you can and send your donation directly to the Office of the Diocesan Annual Appeal. May God Bless you always.

GREETERS: The greeters for the weekend of Feb. 28/Mar. 1: Feb 28 at 4:30 p.m. are Theresa & Don Kane and March 1 at 8:30 open and at 11:00 a.m. Bonnie Lazar. The greeters for the weekend of March 7/8: Sat. March 7 at 4:30 is Faye Klinges and Sun. March 8 at 8:30 is Frank Aukstakalnis and at 11:00 is Donna Ranieli.

ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN’S SOCIETY: The Altar & Rosary/St. Ann’s Society will hold a meeting on March 1 at 1PM in the church hall. Final report will be given on the Piggie Dinner which was a success, thanks to everyone who participated. Hostesses for the social to follow the meeting are: Mary Lou Cook and Maggie Falchek. New members are always welcomed.

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

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. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to the newly baptized member of our parish Neeah Grace Achhammer, daughter of Mark Stephen and Amanda Achhammer, on Sunday, February 22. May God Bless her.

THANK YOU: Thank you to those who brought the food and came to the Vietnamese New Year’s Celebration last Sunday. May God Bless you always.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The following are the members of the St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church Pastoral Council: Nancy Walton/Chairperson, Bernadette Druby/Secretary, Michele Casey, Mary Heiser, Donald Kane, Joseph Lewandoski, Rose Murray, Beth Nealon, Trish Savitsky, Audrey Mill, Angie Chapasko, Lisa Argenziano, Lynn Cole, Abigail Truschel and Laura Snyder. There will be a meeting on Monday, March 9 at 7 p.m. in the Church hall.

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. 6. The specialty item of the week will be vegetable lasagna. 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! The next meeting will be Mar. 8 after the 11 a.m. mass.

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 March 15 at 7 p.m. Bonnie Lazar and Mary Engle will be hostesses.

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: The Church encourages us to make confession a regular part of our spiritual life, especially during the holy season of Lent, as we reflect on our baptism and repentance. 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.

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.

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

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Please pray for Jared & 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 and Hollie Okuniewski-Santay and the faithful departed especially 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	03/02	8:00 AM	Leslie Borgia	The Goch Family
Tuesday	03/03	8:00 AM	Elizabeth Henichek	Family
Wednesday	03/04		No Mass	
Thursday	03/05	8:00 AM	Ed Stefanovich	
Friday	03/06	8:00 AM	Cecelia Kasmark	Delores Jones
Saturday	03/07	4:30 PM	Mary Yenchek	Sisters & Family
Sunday	03/08	8:30 AM	Eleanor Scubelek	Sharon Guarino & Florence Hudock
		11:00 AM	Catherine & Bonaventure Lombardelli	Bernadette Druby

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF ELIZABETH HENICHEK BY FAMILY.

A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY THE BELLAS FAMILY, SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR HEALING FOR ANGIE CHAPASKO BY ST. LEO'S/HOLY ROSARY CHURCH EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS; A SPECIAL INTENTION AND WITH HEALING PRAYERS FOR HOLLIE SANTAY BY JOYCE AND JAY SKUPSKI AND FAMILY.

A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF ANDREW DOBRANSKI BY HIS FAMILY AND SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR HEALING FOR JACKSON CHAPASKO BY ST. LEO'S/HOLY ROSARY CHURCH EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS.

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 : 25TH OR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: His Excellency, The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, D. D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2015 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 7. The event includes a 2:30 p.m. mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made through Father Dang before March 16.

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 to our parish.

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.

FOOD SALE: Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church is having a Soup, Bake and Book Sale on Thurs. March 5 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The soup is Clam Chowder, cost \$8.00. Take outs only. For information please call Sylvia at (570) 825-6370 or Barry at (570) 831-5593.

HAM & CABBAGE DINNER: Holy Family Parish in Sugar Notch will hold the annual Ham & Cabbage dinner on Sat. March 14 in the Church hall. Dinner will be served from 4 to 7 p.m. and take outs will be available from 3 p.m. For information call the rectory at (570) 822-8983.

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

*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver
11 Corinthians 9:7*

Weekly Collection for 02/22/15

\$ 6,967.47