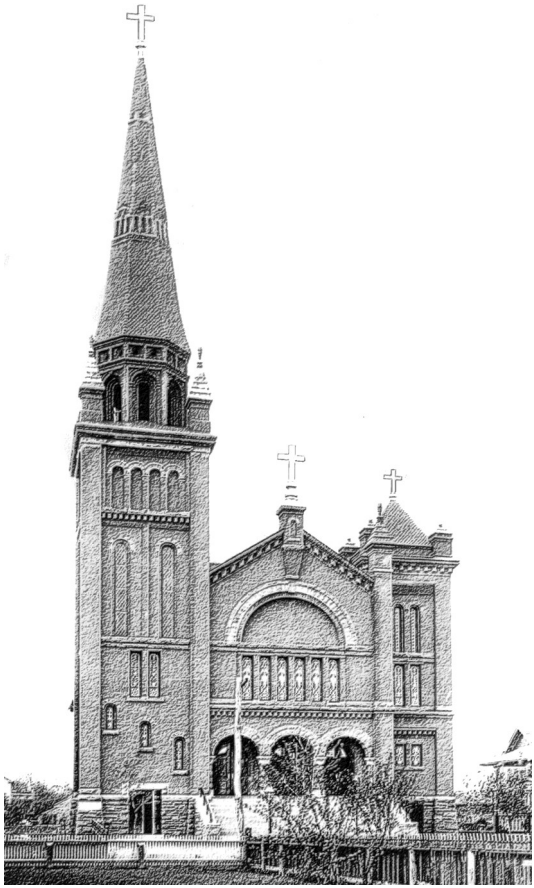


AUGUST 23, 2015
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. LEO'S/HOLY ROSARY PARISH

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Weddings: Call the Rectory

READINGS: (Aug 30) Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 Ps 15:2-5 Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Through observance of the Lord's commands, we shall experience the fullness of life. Living in conformity with God's will frees us from all casuistry about good and evil. We are called to welcome God's word and to let it take root in our hearts.

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.

Parish Office Hours:

Monday through Friday

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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.

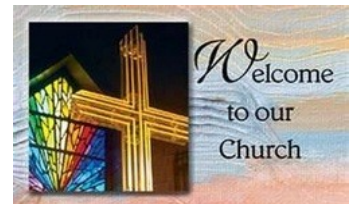
VIETNAMESE MASS: There will be a Vietnamese Mass on Sunday, September 20 at 2 p.m. All are welcome!

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 stopping 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.

REGISTRATION: Registration for the new school year for all CCD classes (Kindergarten through grade 8) will be held on Sunday, Sept. 6 after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the church hall. For more information or any questions please contact Michele Casey, Director of Religious Education at (570) 760-9793.

MISSION SUNDAY: The Passionist Missionaries goal is to promote the memory of the Passion of Jesus Christ by witnessing and preaching to the sufferings of our time. Through their projects in Kenya, they are able to evangelize and promote integral human development. Their projects involve programs and activities for alleviating poverty and foster social justice and economic empowerment of the communities they serve. They have 40 seminarians, they run two orphanages with 70 orphans, and they support poor widows in their missions. They organize and preach retreats for both religious and lay Faithful. Your generous support continues their mission affecting a positive change in people's daily lives and the hope for a better tomorrow. The weekend of August 22nd/23rd we will have Fr. Evans Fwamba, cp, a Passionist from Kenya share with us his mission story. We welcome Fr. Evans to our parish and please be generous for the 2nd collections on Aug. 22/23 for the missions.

ALTAR & ROSARY/ ST. ANN'S SOCIETY: The Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society meeting will be held on Sunday, August 23 at 2 p.m. We will discuss the Afghan Raffle and Bake Sale and our upcoming October Crowning of the of Blessed Mother. A social will follow as we celebrate the 90th Birthday of our Honorary Member, Margaret Kordek. Hostesses are Rose Mary Strish and Flossie Jablowski. Potential members are always welcomed to join us at a meeting to get acquainted.

Thank you: The Altar & Rosary/St. Ann Society thanks all the wonderful parishioners and friends who participated in our Bake Sale and Afghan Raffle last weekend. We thank all those who baked such delicious cakes, cookies and a huge selection of delicacies, plus those who gave a donation to our Society and came to support our fundraiser. Because of your generosity, we were able to donate \$3,000 toward the resurfacing of our parking lot. Thank you.

Congratulations: The Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society is happy to announce the winner of the Angel Afghan Raffle is: Marianne Shulo. We know you will enjoy this beautiful afghan.

VIRTUS: PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN FOR ADULTS PROGRAM: A program has been scheduled for Sunday, September 27 beginning at 12:30 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Parish, Larksville. This 3 hour training session is required for all adult employees and volunteers who have direct contact or routine interaction with children. To register, please call the parish office at (570) 474-6315. A notice with complete details will be posted on www.dioceseofscranton.org (safe environment - child protection/VIRTUS). Thank you.

CHOIR: The choir is looking for additional members. If you like to sing please come and join us. Also anyone who plays an instrument and wants to share their talents to enhance our worship celebration please see Bob Passetti, Music Director after any of the masses or call him at (570) 814-1747 with questions. **Cantors practice on the last Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.** Thank you and God Bless You always.

GREETERS: The greeter for Saturday, August 22 at 4:30 p.m. is Jean Schappert and for Sunday, August 23 at 8:30 a.m. is Mary Lou Cook and at 11:00 a.m. is Donna Ranieli. The greeters for Saturday, August 29 at 4:30 p.m. is John Walsh and for Sunday, August 30 at 8:30 a.m. is Fran Spencer and at 11:00 a.m. are Lisa & Todd Argenziano.

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to the newly baptized members of our parish Logan Brown, son of Edward and Shelly Brown, on Sunday, August 16, and Matthew Christopher Mikus, son of Christopher and Lisa Marie Mikus. May God Bless them.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: The Holy Name Society will begin its 2015-2016 year with a meeting on Sunday, Sept. 13 in the church hall following the 11 a.m. Mass. All men of the parish are welcome! Planning will begin for the bingos, food sales and other projects that benefit the parish. Robbie Kost will preside.

PARISH PROJECTS:

PROJECT COMMITTEE: Committee members include: Tom Hooper, Don Kane, Paul Golias, John Gabla and Michael Yasenachak. If you have any questions, please call the rectory or any committee member. In addition, if you are interested in joining the committee, please see Father Vinnie. Thank you.

Dear Parishioners:

As this week's bulletin was being prepared, the masonry contractor projected completion of the front sidewalks by the weekend. That would conclude two of the planned projects: Sealing and re-lining the parking lot and sidewalk replacement. If barriers or equipment remain in front of the church this weekend, please be cautious.

We have been able to pay for the two projects without using festival funds or general funds. Your support is making this possible...we have received \$4,500 in parishioner donations, plus church society donations. We continue to seek donations towards our projects. The donations are replenishing our Dedicated Fund. Thank you!

The next project will be the steel steps on the west side of the church. New risers and partial deck replacement are necessary. The steps and canopy will be repainted. If this entrance is closed, please use the front entrance, the east entrance or access the church via the hall.

We are working with a steel contractor to reevaluate the west side steps and the double landing. The hope is that we can install a canopy over the now-uncovered steps, plus make extensive steel repairs. Again, your donations will help!

We also are experiencing an air conditioning problem and immediate repairs are needed on the rear porch area of the Education Center/Food Pantry building. A new box also is being installed to control the security lighting system.

Please consider a donation...make checks payable to St. Leo's-Holy Rosary Dedicated Fund.

Again, thank you for your patience and cooperation as we do these projects. Let us join hands together to do God's work. May God's love and blessing be with you always.

Father Vinnie, Finance Committee and Projects Subcommittee

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. Anyone wishing to receive Communion may call the rectory, (570) 825-6669 or Toni Riscavage, (570) 868-8215 or Paul Golias, (570) 829-6251.

HOSPITAL/HOME VISITS: If you or a love one are hospitalized or homebound and wish a visit from Father Dang, please notify the rectory (570) 825-6669. Father Dang wants to make sure that his parishioners are visited and blessed when they are ill. He will be happy to hear confessions when requested. Thank you.

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., 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 Svez, Joseph Murray, Bonnie Magda, Frank Kempf, Louise & Ron Brandt, Robert Lusk, Jean Wiernusz, Karen Hannis, Leonard Kelly, James Curry and Richard Curry, Ann Fedak, Amanda Braley, Robert Pepperling, Appi Pepperling, Dr. James Poulton, Carla Schlegel, Jackson Chapasko, Faye Klinges, Margaret Sipple, Robert Bozek, Jackie McGovern, Sharon Nagy, Christopher Fee, Maureen Latzman, Dottie Grivner, Karen Spagnola, Leah Cronauer 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 the rectory at (570) 825-6669.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	08/24	8:00 AM	Robert Nealon	Family
Tuesday	08/25	8:00 AM	Elvira L. Gagliardi	Mrs. Margaret Yanoshak
Wednesday	08/26	8:00 AM	No Mass	
Thursday	08/27	8:00 AM	Mary Hatten	Children
Friday	08/28	8:00 AM	James George	Wife & Children
Saturday	08/29	4:30 PM	Agnes & James DeLargy	Frances Gutosky
Sunday	08/30	8:30 AM	Kay Clarke	Family
		11:00 AM	68th Wedding Anniversary Mass for Mr. & Mrs. John Hrichison	

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF HAROLD HANNON BY WIFE MARGARET HANNON.

A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF CAROL ANN OPET BY PHIL & RITA WOODS & FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY THE BELLAS FAMILY AND IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH P. KELLY, JR. BY JO HART & FAMILY.

A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED PARISHIONERS.

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.

Summer Festival 2015: \$40,283.19 net profit for this year's festival. On behalf of the entire parish, Father Vinnie would like to express his gratitude and thanks for a "Job Well Done!" to the entire Festival Committee, all the Festival Volunteers and workers and anyone who donated, worked or attended our Festival. May God bless you for your faithful service to our parish.

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.

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

CERTIFICATE FOR LAY MINISTRY: The Office for Parish Life is currently accepting applications for and eager to invite new participants into the Diocesan Certificate for Lay Ministry process. We will offer an Orientation Retreat on Sunday, August 30th from 1:00-7:00pm here at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. All interested candidates should contact Kitty MacLean, Coordinator for Lay Ministry Formation (570-207-2213), to begin the application process by this date – we can help you complete the process during and after the Orientation Retreat. For more information, application materials and the tentative 2015-2016 calendar, please go to www.dioceseofscranton.org, choose Office for Parish Life.

VOCATIONS: If anyone is interested to become a priest or nun please see Father or call the rectory at (570) 825-6669. Thank you for considering to serve our Lord.

MARRIAGE BANNES: The banns of marriage are announced for the first time for Mark Burns and Kristin Chapasko. A wedding mass will be held on Saturday, Sept. 19 at 1:00 p.m. in St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church. Please pray for them.

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. John (Kathryn) Hrichison on the 68th Anniversary of their wedding. May God Bless them with good health, joy and happiness.

ASHLEY FOOD PANTRY

Items in special need: Cereal, Crackers, Soup, Pancake Mix/Syrup, and Tuna/Chicken/Hamburger Helper.

Thank you: Thank you to all who have donated. 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— II Corinthians 9:7

Weekly Collection for 08/16/15

\$5,428.56