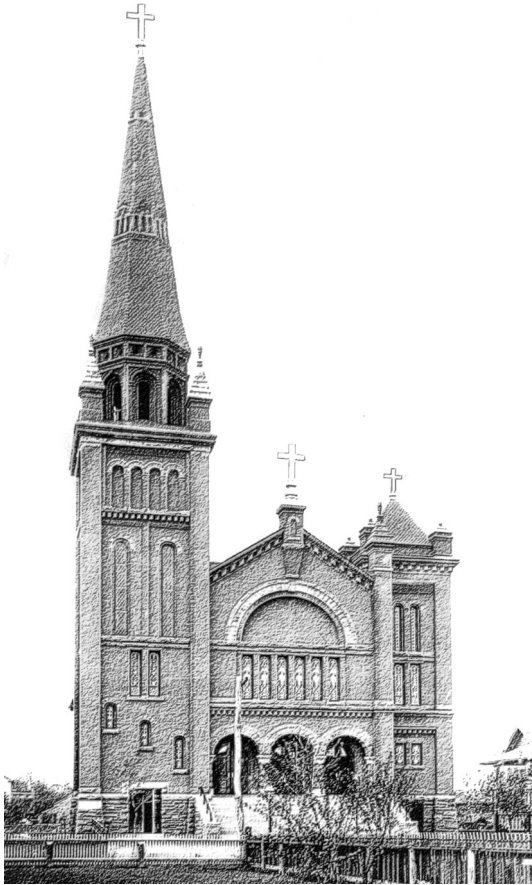


**AUGUST 30, 2015**  
**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**ST. LEO'S/HOLY ROSARY PARISH**

33 Manhattan St.  
Ashley, PA 18706  
Phone: 570-825-6669



**Web Site:** www.stleos-holyrosary.org  
**Pastor:** Reverend Vincent Dang  
**Pastor Emeritus:** Reverend Thomas J. O'Malley  
**Administrative Asst:** Marianne Baseski  
**Director of Music:** Robert Passetti  
**Director of**  
**Religious Education:** Michele Casey  
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**Baptism** Call the Rectory  
**Weddings** Call the Rectory

**READINGS:** (Sept. 6 ) Is 35:4-7a Ps 146:7-10 Jas 2:1-5 Mk 7:31-37

The advent of the age of salvation is upon us: the deaf hear, the blind see, and those bowed down are raised up. The kingdom is made manifest around the Eucharistic table, where rich and poor alike are invited to feast.

**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

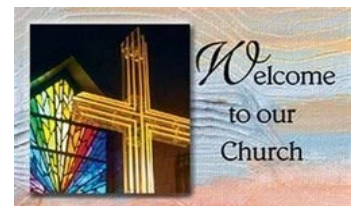
will be a Vietnamese Mass on Sunday, September 20 at 2 p.m. All are welcome!

**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.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you for your generosity to the Missions and Father Evans Fwamba. We collected \$1,385.95. May God bless you abundantly.

**VIRTUS: PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN FOR ADULTS PROGRAM:** Programs have been scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 6 p.m. at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Lake Silkworth (570) 477-5040 and Sunday, Sept. 27 beginning at 12:30 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Parish, Larksville (570) 779-9620. 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 either parish office. A notice with complete details will be posted on [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://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 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. The greeters for Saturday, Sept. 5 at 4:30 p.m. will be Dorothy Hess and Maggie Falchek and for Sunday, Sept. 6 at 8:30 a.m. are Angie & Jackson Chapasko and at 11:00 a.m. are Rose Murray & Trish Savitsky.

**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.

**ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY:** The St. Vincent DePaul Society will meet Sunday, Sept. 13 in the Church Hall at 2 p.m. Please attend. Thank you.

**POPE FRANCIS:** Together with the Catholic Church of all the Americas, we welcome Pope Francis during his visit in late September. There are several ways for parishioners to participate in and experience the upcoming visit of Pope Francis. The Diocese of Scranton invites you to participate prayerfully in these ways:

- View the live coverage provided through CTV (Catholic Television) on your EWTN network
- Utilize the official hymn or prayer in some manner in your parish that week (found on World Meeting of Families 2015 website)
- Share the pilgrim prayer journal, which will guide the prayer of those traveling by bus to Philadelphia for Mass with Pope Francis on Sunday, Sept. 27 - we will publish this material on the Diocesan website in early Sept., for everyone to share in your parish and family observances of this historic event.

**2ND COLLECTION:** There will be a 2nd collection this weekend, Aug. 29/30, for the Church in Eastern Europe including collection for the Church in Lithuania, Poland and Slovakia. Please be generous. Thank you and God Bless.

**SHELTER WEEK:** We welcome people coming to stay with us for the week of August 31 to September 7. The Church Hall will be closed during this time. Thank you.

**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING:** There will be a Finance Council meeting on Thursday, September 3 at 6 p.m. at the rectory. Please attend. Thank you.

**OFFICE CLOSED:** The Office will be closed Mon., Sept. 7 in observance of Labor Day. Thank you.

**THE OBLATES OF ST. JOSEPH:** The Oblates of St. Joseph will host their annual Labor Day Triduum and Mass in honor of St. Joseph the Worker during the upcoming Labor Day Weekend, September 4-7 at the Oblates’ Seminary Chapel located on Route 315 in Laflin. Please call (570) 654-7542 with any questions.

**HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL:** Holy Redeemer High School invites you attend a memorial mass for Mr. Abe Simon on Monday, September 14 at 7 p.m. in the McCarthy Auditorium. For planning purposes, please RSVP to Holy Redeemer High School at (570) 829-2424.

### **PARISH PROJECTS:**

**PROJECT COMMITTEE:** Committee members include: Tom Hooper, Don Kane, Paul Golias, John Gabla and Michael Yasenchak. 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:

Repairs will begin soon on the steel steps on the west side of the church. Risers for the steps, steel plating for the deck and the necessary bolts have been acquired. Apprentices from the Iron Workers Union will do the work. Meanwhile, we continue to assess the needs on the east steps which require more extensive repairs. There will be temporary closing of entrances as this work is being done. The west steps are closed as a safety measure since heavy steel replacement plates have been placed on the deck. Follow-up painting will necessitate another closure. Please use an alternate entrance when steps are closed. Please exercise caution in work areas.

Meanwhile, we are obtaining quotes on repairs to the Education Center/Food Pantry's rear porch and to the steps to the second floor porch.

The parking lot and sidewalks have been completed.

We received another \$1,000 donation. Thus far, parishioner donations total \$6,475. Thank you!

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 Svetz, 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, Bonnie Turchin and the faithful departed especially John H. Hooper III 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 the rectory at (570) 825-6669.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	08/31	8:00 AM	Joseph Sudnick	Lance & Marianne Baseski
Tuesday	09/01	8:00 AM	Leona J. Bunjo	George & Rose Mary Strish
Wednesday	09/02	8:00 AM	No Mass	
Thursday	09/03	8:00 AM	Anthony Gorham	Family
Friday	09/04	8:00 AM	Margaret Maraski	Bob & Sharon Flynn
Saturday	09/05	4:30 PM	Mitchell Kamionka	Mulligan Sisters
Sunday	09/06	8:30 AM	For Our Parishioners	
		11:00 AM	Edwin Bingham	Jane Clarke & Family

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF KIMBERLY MCGOVERN PLISKA BY MOM & DAD.

A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF CHRIS ODONNELL BY ROB & GWEN ODONNELL, IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY THE BELLAS FAMILY, IN MEMORY OF CECELIA MCGOVERN BY FAMILY, IN MEMORY OF KIMBERLY MCGOVERN PLISKA BY AUNT NANCY MCGOVERN GALARDI & FAMILY AND IN MEMORY OF CECELIA MCGOVERN BY THE GALARDI & MCGOVERN FAMILIES.

A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF REGINA GOMB BY HER DAUGHTERS & FAMILY AND IN MEMORY OF BILL GALARDI BY HIS WIFE & FAMILY.

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.

**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 BANS:** The bans of marriage are announced for the second 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.

**EXALTATION OF HOLY CROSS CHURCH:** Exaltation of Holy Cross Church, Buttonwood is having a Soup, Bake and Book Sale on Thursday, September 3 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Soup of the Month is Old Fashioned Vegetable. Take outs only. Pre-orders are appreciated. Cost \$8.00 per quart. Contact Sylvia @ (570) 825-6370 or Barry @ (570) 831-5593.

**RUTH'S PLACE:** Ruth's Place is a program of Volunteers of America of PA helping women within Luzerne County. Please mark your calendar for Ruth's Place Walk for Hope Sunday, October 4 from 1 to 3 p.m. on Public Square in Wilkes-Barre.

### 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 08/23/15	\$5,223.00
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Missions	\$1,385.95
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