

**JANUARY 3, 2016**  
**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**HOLY YEAR OF**  
**MERCY**

12/8/2015 -11/12/2016



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

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**Weddings** Call the Rectory

**READINGS:** (Jan. 10) Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Ps 29:1-4, 9-10 Acts 10:34-38 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22  
Jesus is the beloved Son of the Father. He is the light of the nations and Lord of all creation. To Him be all glory and praise!

### **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.

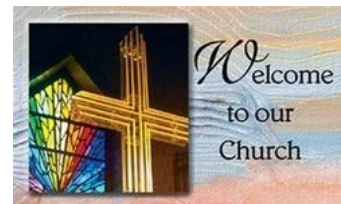
**VIETNAMESE MASS:** There will be a Vietnamese Mass on Sunday, January 17, 2016 at 2 p.m. All are welcome!

### **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 are from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Sunday.**

**CHILDREN'S MASS:** There will be a Children's Mass on Sunday, Jan. 31 at 8:30 a.m. Please bring your children to attend and participate in the Mass. Thank you.

**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 Michele Casey at (570)760-9793. Deadline is January 3, 2016. Thank you.

**SAVE THE DATE:** First Penance will be celebrated on **Saturday, January 23, 2016 at 11 a.m.** First Holy Communion will be celebrated on **Saturday, May 7, 2016 at 11 a.m.** Please save these important dates in your calendars. Thank you.

**NO CCD:** There will be no CCD classes on Sunday, Jan. 3. Classes will resume on Sunday, Jan. 10.

**SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN:** Please lookout for the safety of our children especially as they are dismissed from CCD class at 10:30 a.m. when you may be arriving for 11:00 a.m. Mass. Thank you.

**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.

**GREETERS:** The greeter for Sat., Jan. 2 at 4:30 p.m. is Maggie Falchek and for Sun., Jan. 3 at 8:30 a.m. are Angie & Jackson Chapasko and for 11:00 a.m. is Marianne Shulo. The greeter for Sat., Jan. 9 at 4:30 p.m. is John Walsh and for Sun., Jan. 10 at 8:30 a.m. are Barbara & Dan Piestrak and at 11:00 a.m. is Bonnie Lazar. Thank you.

**2ND COLLECTION:** There will be a 2nd collection this weekend, Jan. 2/3, for Care & Education of Priests. Please be generous. Thank you and God Bless.

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

**2016 CHURCH ENVELOPES:** You should have received your new church envelopes in the mail. You will receive them monthly. If you do not receive your envelopes and you want envelopes, please call the Rectory at (570) 825-6669 during regular business hours. Thank you.

**ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN'S SOCIETY MEETING:** We are asking all members to attend our meeting this Sun., Jan. 3 at 2 p.m. in the Church Hall to make final preparations for our "Piggie Dinner" which will be held January 17 from 12 to 3 p.m. in the Church Hall. Hostesses for the social after the meeting will be Bonnie Lazar and Maureen Beckley. New members are always welcomed.

Piggie Dinner Tickets will be sold before and after all weekend masses beginning Jan. 2. Workers are: Jan. 2, 4:30 p.m. Maggie Falchek; Jan. 3, 8:30 a.m. Mary Lou Cook; 11 a.m. Rose Wallace and Maureen Beckley; Jan. 9, 4:30 p.m. Bonnie Lazar; Jan. 10, 8:30 a.m. Mary Carol Gabla; 11 a.m. Marianne Shulo; Jan. 16, 4:30 p.m. Toni & George Riscavage; Jan. 17, 8:30 a.m. Rose Mary Strish and 11 a.m. Mary Frances Heiser.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** The Knights of Columbus will meet Tuesday, Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Church Hall. All members are urged to attend.

**THANK YOU:** Father Dang would like to thank all who made Christmas At St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church a glorious celebration. He also wishes to express his heartfelt thanks to all who sent cards and gifts for Christmas. May God bless you with gifts of good health, peace and happiness!

**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 2016 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 5. 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 the office at (570) 825-6669 before March 7.

**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.

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY:** The Holy Name Society will meet on Sunday, Jan. 10 at 2 p.m. in the church hall. Immediately after the meeting they will hold their annual smoker. All members are encouraged to attend.

**THE EPIPHANY BLESSING:** The Epiphany house blessing will be available in front of the manger in St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church.

**CYRENIANS:** The Cyrenians will meet on Sun., Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. in the Church Hall. All members are encouraged to attend.

**LOTTERY TICKETS:** St. Vincent DePaul Society will be selling lottery calendars for the month of Feb. with 2 numbers on each ticket in the rear of the church. They are \$5.00 each. For more information please contact Christine Casey at (570) 825-5293.

**ANNUAL SMOKER:** The Holy Name Society's annual smoker (non-smoking, of course) is set for Sunday, Jan. 10 at 2 p.m. in the Church Hall and all men of the parish are invited! This is a great time to socialize, enjoy good food and watch some playoff football. No obligations...just join a relaxing afternoon.

**THANK YOU:** Thanks to all who made Christmas at St. Leo's/Holy Rosary a wonderful celebration: The Ministers of Liturgy and Music, (altar servers, ushers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, cantors, lectors, adult choir, children's choir, the instrumentalists); all who contributed generously to the Christmas collection and Christmas flower collection; visitors from far and near. May God Bless you always.

**THANK YOU:** A very special Thank you to our Altar Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Cantors, Choir Members, Greeters, Ushers, Money Counters, Bulletin Folders, Members of the Councils, CCD Teachers, our Parish Project Committee, Youth Group, all our Societies, Ashley Food Pantry volunteers, and all the Volunteers of our Parish who made our parish vibrant and alive throughout the year 2015. May God reward you for your devotion to serve our parish. In 2016 we are on a journey of the Holy Year of Mercy, let us join hands together to do God's work.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you all the Organizations who have been so generous to our parish projects. May God Bless you always.

**THANK YOU:** A special thanks to those who donated in loving memory of Jack and Nancy McGovern. May God bless you for your kindness and generosity to our parish.

**THANK YOU:** A special thanks to those who donated in loving memory of Joseph Murray. May God bless you for your kindness and generosity to our parish.

**THANK YOU:** A special thank you to Ann (Nancy) Galardi for her generous donation to our parish in loving memory of her husband, Bill Galardi. May God Bless you for your thoughtfulness, kindness and generosity to our parish.

**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:** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion 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 an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion bring the Lord Jesus to them. Anyone wishing to receive Communion may call the Rectory, (570) 825-6669 or Toni Riscavage, (570) 868-8215 or Debbie Milford, (570) 829-5356.

**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, Lois O'Hara, Flavia Pollick, Florence Ryder, Ron Warke, Robert Cronauer, Joseph Nealon Sr., Lorraine Shinko, Dane McSparron, Mary Golias, Eileen Aukstakalnis, Lila Aukstakalnis, Tom Smith, Joyce Kahlau, Marion Ferguson, Harry Bobos, Joyce Seiger, Jerry Cavanaugh, Barbara Smith, Geri Truschel, William Vancosky, Katherine Svetz, 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, Dottie Grivner, Karen Spagnola, Leah Cronauer, Bonnie Turchin, Maryann Lavan, Richard Reed, Jesse Mendoza, Mary Benson, Sophie DeLuca, Florence Borkowski, Anna Lorraine Merlie, Billy Shemanski, George Taggart and the faithful departed especially Elizabeth Lewis 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	01/04	8:00 AM	Elvira L. Gagliardi	Tim & Beth Drazba
Tuesday	01/05	8:00 AM	Peggy Burke	The Calabros'
Wednesday	01/06	8:00 AM	No Mass	
Thursday	01/07	8:00 AM	James Flynn	Jim Mullin
Friday	01/08	8:00 AM	Helen R. Tamanini	Her Family
Saturday	01/09	4:30 PM	Robert Mitchell	Diane & John Olejar
Sunday	01/10	8:30 AM	For Our Parishioners	
		11:00 AM	William Galardi	Anthony Galardi & Family

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF ROSE & JACK WALSH BY JOHN WALSH AND IN MEMORY OF KAY LEWANDOSKI BY HUSBAND & FAMILY.

A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY MOM, DAD, CASEY & JARED; IN MEMORY OF MARY MCFARLAND BY HER CHILDREN AND SON-IN-LAW, IN MEMORY OF RITA EMERY BY FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF LINDA MARIE YEDLOCK BY FAMILY, FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DANAY

FAMILY BY THE KRATZ FAMILY, IN MEMORY OF JULIA & JOSEPH BOZINKO BY MARY & CARL BOZINKO AND IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH MURRAY BY CAROLE KNEAL & GARY BURCZY.

A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF NANCY MEINEKER BY COLLEEN NEALON CALENTI.

CANDLES: There are still Sanctuary, Blessed Mother and Sacred Heart Candles available for 2016. If you would like to dedicate a candle for someone, please call the rectory at (570) 825-6669.

**DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL:** Our Parish Goal is \$38,000.00. So far we have donated \$23,841.00. Thank you to those who have already donated. May God Bless you for your kindness and generosity.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to all those who donate food, money or time to the Food Pantry. May God bless you for your kindness, 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.

**CHOIR:** Adult Choir practice is from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday Evenings. Thank you and God Bless you always. Any questions please call Bob Passetti at (570) 814-1747.

**CHILI, CHOWDER, & SOUP CONTEST:** The Hanover Area Student Council & JSC are sponsoring the contest to benefit the Ashley Food Bank. It will be held Sunday, Jan. 10 from noon to 2:00 p.m. at the Hanover Area Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria. Adults: \$5.00; Children (6-12) \$3.00 and under 5 is free. Deadline to enter a soup is Tuesday, Jan. 5. Applications available at <http://www.hanoverarea.org>; at the main office, or by calling (570) 831-2300, ext. 229.

**PARISH MINISTRIES:** Attention all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Youth Altar Servers and Lectors: Starting with the next schedule, Toni Riscavage will take over the scheduling of the masses from Paul Golias. She will begin working on the schedule in Jan. and it is very important that everyone involved with the masses call or e-mail her if there are any masses you cannot serve. Also if you no longer can serve, it is important that she be notified so she does not put you on the upcoming schedule. When the schedule is completed it will be placed in the sacristy with your name on the front and it will be your responsibility to pick it up. If you have a scheduling problem please find someone to switch. We are hoping for 100% attendance for our masses. Thank you and God Bless you always. For info contact Toni @ (570) 868-8215 or e-mail her at [alrisc@hotmail.com](mailto:alrisc@hotmail.com)

### ASHLEY FOOD PANTRY

**Items in special need:** Cereal, Crackers, Peanut Butter, Soup, Jelly, Canned Fruit, Tea, Coffee and Hot Chocolate.

**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 12/27/15	\$7,412.50
Christmas Collection	\$9,881.69