

NOVEMBER 22, 2015
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST , KING OF THE UNIVERSE



ST. LEO'S/HOLY ROSARY PARISH

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READINGS: (Nov. 29) Jer 33:14-15 Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 1 Thes 3:12—4:2 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

We must be on guard for the Day which is to come when all will be fulfilled. As we await the coming of Christ, let us love one another, observing his covenant and decrees.



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

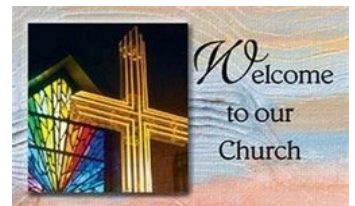
WEEKEND — Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
WEEKDAYS — 8:00 a.m. all weekdays except Wednesday
HOLY DAYS — (Vigil) 5:15 p.m., (Day) 8:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

VIETNAMESE MASS: There will be a Vietnamese Mass on Sunday, December 13, 2015 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, November 22 at 8:30 a.m. Please bring your children to attend and participate in the Mass. Thank you.

NO CLASSES: As we celebrate Thanksgiving weekend, no CCD classes on Sunday, November 29. Classes will resume on Sunday, Dec. 6.

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.

GREETERS: The greeters for Sat., Nov 21 at 4:30 p.m. are Theresa & Don Kane and for Sun., Nov. 22 at 8:30 a.m. are CCD children and at 11:00 a.m. is Bonnie Lazar. The Greeters for Sat., Nov. 28 at 4:30 p.m. is Ellen Davis and for Sun., Nov. 29 at 8:30 a.m. are Barbara & Dan Piestrak and at 11:00 a.m. are Rose Murray & Trish Savitsky. Thank you for your faithful service to our parish.

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

HOLY NAME SOCIETY TURKEY BINGO: The Holy Name Society will hold its annual Turkey Bingo on Sun., Nov. 22 in the Church Hall. Doors open at noon, games start at 1p.m. Admission is \$3 and includes 2 baby cards. Specials and door prizes will be offered. New this year! The kitchen will be open for takeout starting at 11a.m. Chili with pasta, cauliflower soup, chicken soup, haluski, hot dogs and more!

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY BAKE SALE: The St. Vincent DePaul Society will hold a bake sale after all masses this week-end. Profits from the sale will go to support the Ashley Food Pantry and projects that benefit the area needy.

CLEAN UP: The Holy Name Society is coordinating a cleanup work day in the church hall on Sat. Dec. 5 starting at 9 a.m. Members of church organizations and parishioners are welcome to assist. The hall, restrooms, kitchen and entry way will get a thorough cleaning. The Holy Name will furnish cleaning supplies as needed. Volunteers are needed!! Thank you for your service to our church. May God Bless you.

PARISH CENSUS: We are up-dating our parish census. As we come closer to the end of the year, those who have changed their name or address please contact the rectory or write your new information on your envelope so we can update your records. Thank you and God Bless You.

LECTORS: The new 2016 Workbook for Lectors is available in the Sacristy. Please pick up as soon as possible. Thank you for your service to our parish. May God Bless you always.

THANKSGIVING MASS THURSDAY, NOV. 26: "Eucharist" means "to give thanks". For the church every Lord's Day is a day of Thanksgiving. By virtue of our baptism it is our duty and our delight always and everywhere to give thanks and praise on behalf of the world. Father Dang invites you to St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church for Thanksgiving Mass at 8:00 a.m. to offer thanks to God for all the blessings so generously poured forth upon us.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: The Adult and Children's choir will present their annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, Dec. 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Everyone is invited.

OFFICE CLOSED: The Office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 26 & 27 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Thank you.

YOUTH GROUP: Very important Youth Group meeting will be held on Sunday, Nov. 22 at 6 p.m. (after bingo). Need to organize toy raffle and our community project!! The Youth Group are sponsoring a Toy Raffle/Silent Auction starting weekend of Nov. 28/29, Dec. 5/6 and ending Dec. 12/13. Drawing will take place after 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Dec. 13. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3/\$5.00. All proceeds to help fund our community project. Thank you for all your support!!

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, TUESDAY, DEC. 8: On Tuesday we celebrate the patronal day of the United States, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We believe that she herself was free from the stain of sin from the moment of her conception. Mary is the perfect Advent model for us. As we imitate her faithfulness, we say "yes" to God's invitation to bring Christ to the world. **The Vigil Mass will be Monday, Dec. 7 at 5:15 p.m. There will be two Masses on Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 8:00 a. m. and 5:30 p.m. at St Leo's/Holy Rosary Church.** Please come to honor our Blessed Virgin Mary.

PARISH PROJECTS:

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

Dear Parishioners:

The steel plates are in place and welded, completing that important phase of the west steps repair. Ray Clarke and his grandson, Brandon Holmgren, worked on the deck, leveling and welding the heavy plates. As this bulletin was being prepared, we were hoping that the painter could return to complete his work by week's end. The west steps then will be done. Meanwhile, we are seeking architectural help on the east steps. A diocesan official in the buildings maintenance division met with us to give preliminary advice.

Don Kane of the Projects Committee repaired and replaced the sash on the third floor (6th grade classroom) window. He removed the screen that was hanging from the 7th and 8th grade classroom window. He inspected all windows, and there are no other issues or repairs required at this time. A few windows need new glass but the cracks are minor and we can wait for warmer weather in the spring. Meanwhile, Tom Hooper obtained 27 plastic window kits to insulate the building during winter. Mike Yasenachak repaired the church's collection baskets which included re-weaving some edging.

Other 2016 projects include replacement of the air conditioner project and construction of the St. Joseph grotto. The Projects Subcommittee will install a new emergency lighting system in the church hall.

Parishioner contributions stand at \$10,515. Thank you! If you have not donated, please consider doing so...make checks payable to St. Leo's-Holy Rosary Dedicated Fund. All work, completed and planned, is being made possible by donations from church organizations and you, the parishioners and friends of St. Leo's/Holy Rosary. Again, thank you! Let us join hands together to do God's work. May God's love and blessings be with you always.

Father Vinnie, Finance Committee and Projects Subcommittee

ARCHITECTURAL ADVICE: The projects Subcommittee of the Finance Council is seeking advice on possible construction of a new Education Center/Food Pantry/Multi-Use building. If anyone has a family member or friend who is an architect or has architect-type training, we are seeking advice at this time. We are NOT seeking plans or contract specifications at this time...we need assistance to begin the process that might get us to a full plan. If anyone can help, please contact Father Dang at the rectory, 570 825-6669. Thank you! God Bless you always.

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 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, Dottie Grivner, Karen Spagnola, Leah Cronauer, Bonnie Turchin, Maryann Lavan, Richard Reed, Jesse Mendoza, Mary Benson, Sophie DeLuca and the faithful departed especially Patrick Boyle 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	11/23	8:00 AM	Elvira L. Gagliardi	Stan Kashuba & Kathy
Tuesday	11/24	8:00 AM	John Yancheck, Jr.	Wife & Family
Wednesday	11/25	8:00 AM	No Mass	
Thursday	11/26	8:00 AM	Rose Ann & Joseph Murray	Children
Friday	11/27	8:00 AM	Raymond Litiven	Wife
Saturday	11/28	4:30 PM	Debbie Kus	Mom & Dad
Sunday	11/29	8:30 AM	For Our Parishioners	
		11:00 AM	Betty Witinski	Andrew Witinski

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF DEBBIE KUS BY MOM & DAD AND IN MEMORY OF DAWN MULLIN BY JIM MULLIN FAMILY.

A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY MOM, DAD, CASEY & JARED; IN MEMORY OF PEGGY MARASKI BY PAT & DON GIRVEN; IN MEMORY OF NANCY MCGOVERN BY HER FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF ANNA PALO BY THE FAMILY AND IN MEMORY OF THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF ST. LEO THE GREAT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF MARGARET HANNON BY THE HANNON FAMILY AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF BILL GALARDI BY WIFE, NANCY.

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.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: We have joined parishes throughout the Diocese of Scranton in the 2015 Diocesan Annual Appeal: "Good Hearts, Generous Spirits." Each year we are asked to renew our commitment to support the local Church and the greater community by sharing God's gifts with those in need. Our Parish Goal is \$38,000.00. So far we have donated \$20,616.00. Please pray and be as generous as you can. Thank you to those who have already donated. May God Bless you for your kindness and generosity. A special thank you to Bernadette Druby for volunteering as our Parish Representative.

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.

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE: There will be a Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, Nov. 24 at 7 p.m. at St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church. Please come. We will collect food and money for the Ashley Food Pantry at the service and the week-end immediately after Thanksgiving. Please put your donations in the Sanctuary. Consult the bulletin for needed items. If you are coming to the Ecumenical Service and if you would like to bring a dessert to share, please do. Thank you and God Bless you always.

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.

THANKSGIVING MEAL: Sharing the Tradition: is a time to give a Thanksgiving Day Meal to those who are unable to experience a traditional meal due to Health or Family Circumstances. To Schedule Delivery call Yalch Insurance at 570 735-6600 or 570 474-6300. Delivery to Nanticoke, Newport, Mountaintop, Wapwallopen, Mocanaqua, Shickshinny Boro, Ashley, Sugar Notch & Warrior Run.

THE SLOVAK HERITAGE SOCIETY OF NEPA: The Slovak Heritage Society of NEPA invites you to celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas on Sun., Dec. 6 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Matthews Evangelical Lutheran Church 663 N. Main St. Wilkes-Barre.

CHRISTMAS TEA: There will be the 3rd Annual Victorian Christmas Tea on Sun., Nov. 29 at 1 p.m. at Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church. For info call Sylvia at (570) 825-6370.

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 11/15/15

\$5,841.50