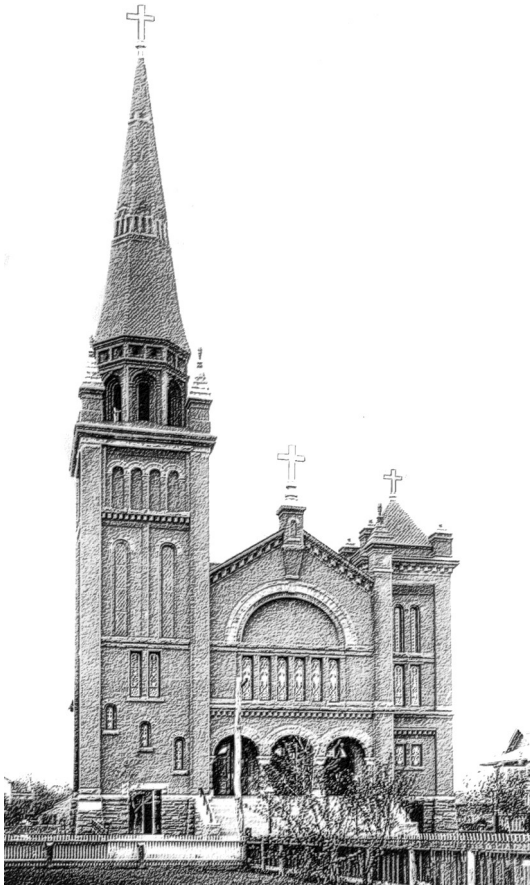


**NOVEMBER 29, 2015
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



ST. LEO'S/HOLY ROSARY PARISH

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READINGS: (Dec. 6) Bar 5:1-9 Ps 126:1-6 Phil 1:4-6,8-11 Lk 3:1-6
The Lord had done great things, leading his people out of slavery to the glorious splendor of Jerusalem. Let us make ready the way of the Lord by abounding in love and in works of justice.



As we begin this season of Advent, we look more deeply at our lives and prepare our hearts for Christ. What is calling us into the light? Are we willing to let the divine potter fashion what is best for our lives? May we prepare ourselves to be all that God created us to be.

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.

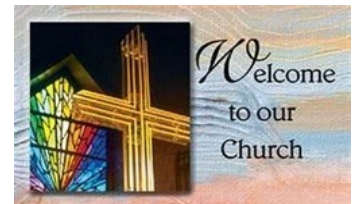
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

All weekdays except Wednesday at 7:45 a.m.
Saturday — 3:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. or by appointment

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

VIETNAMESE MASS: There will be a Vietnamese Mass on Sunday, December 13, 2015 at 2 p.m. All are welcome!

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.

THANK YOU: Thank you to those that participated in the children's mass. May the Lord Bless you for your faithfulness and love to our church.

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

CHILDREN'S MASS: There will be a Children's Mass on Sunday, December 20 at 8:30 a.m. Please bring your children to attend and participate in the Mass. 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.

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. 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. The greeters for Sat., Dec. 5 at 4:30 p.m. are Theresa & Don Kane and for Sun., Dec. 6 at 8:30 a.m. is Frank Aukstacalnis and at 11:00 a.m. is Rose Mary Strish. 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.

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.

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.

YOUTH GROUP: 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 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 GIVING TREE: The Parish Giving Tree will be placed in the Sanctuary. Please take a tag and provide a gift for the child listed on the tag. All gifts should be placed UNWRAPPED, with the gift tag taped on, in front of the Giving Tree by Sunday, December 20. Children of our parish will be the first served by this project. Additionally, if you know of anyone who could benefit from this project, please call the Rectory from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Finally, as is our yearly custom, there will be tags on the tree for adult items to benefit the homeless. Please be generous. Thank you and God Bless you always.

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to the newly baptized member of our parish Natalie Yenchak, daughter of Joseph & Kristen Yenchak, on Sunday, November 22. May God Bless them.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE: There will be Advent Penance Service at St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church on Sunday, December 13 at 4 p.m. Please come.

PARISH PROJECTS:

PROJECT COMMITTEE: Committee members include: Tom Hooper, Don Kane, Paul Golias, John Gabla, Michael Yasenchak, 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 west steps are finally completed. Thank you to those who helped for that project especially Ray Clarke and his Grandson, Brandon Holmgren. Meanwhile, we are seeking architectural help on the east steps.

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. 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.

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, 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, Dottie Grivner, Karen Spagnola, Leah Cronauer, Bonnie Turchin, Maryann Lavan, Richard Reed, Jesse Mendoza, Mary Benson, Sophie DeLuca, Florence Borkowski and the faithful departed especially Deborah Eyeran, Rita Blye and John McGovern 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	11/30	8:00 AM	Eileen Neary	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Deschak
Tuesday	12/01	8:00 AM	David Roche	Wife
Wednesday	12/02	8:00 AM	No Mass	
Thursday	12/03	8:00 AM	Mary Makowski	Family
Friday	12/04	8:00 AM	Jean O'Donnell	Daughter Arlene McGowan
Saturday	12/05	4:30 PM	Jude Schappert, Sr.	Family
Sunday	12/06	8:30 AM	For Our Parishioners	
		11:00 AM	John Shulo	Wife Marianne

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM MCGOWAN BY WIFE AND FAMILY AND IN MEMORY OF JOHN MCGOVERN, SR.

A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY MOM, DAD, CASEY & JARED; IN MEMORY OF NANCY MCGOVERN BY HER FAMILY AND IN MEMORY OF ANNA PALO BY FAMILY.

A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN LOVING MEMORY OF BILL GALARDI BY WIFE, NANCY AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF JACK & NANCY MCGOVERN BY NANCY GALARDI & SONS.

CANDLES: There are still Sanctuary, Blessed Mother and Sacred Heart Candles available for 2015 and 2016. 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 \$20,871.00. 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.

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.

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.

THANK YOU: The National Turkey Federation, Red Rock Chapter, recently donated 26 turkeys to the Ashley Food Pantry in memory of Dave Zabofski. We truly appreciate their generosity.

THANK YOU: Thanks to all those who participated in The Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service. A special thanks to those who donated food and money to the Ashley Food Pantry and to those who baked for the reception. May God Bless you always.

THANK YOU: The St. Vincent DePaul Society wishes to thank all who baked, purchased, donated and worked at last weekend's bake sale. It made the Bake Sale a great success and it is greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU: The Holy Name Society would like to thank all those who supported our recent Turkey Bingo and made it a great success.

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 11/22/15

\$5,141.20