

**DECEMBER 6, 2015
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



ST. LEO'S/HOLY ROSARY PARISH

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READINGS: (Dec. 13) Zep 3:14-18a Is 12:2-6 Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18

Rejoice in the Lord always! Great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel, a mighty savior. It is He whom John foretold; it is He who will baptize in the Holy Spirit.



God is calling us to His work: "Prepare the way of the Lord." We cannot merely look forward to the gift of the Christ Child. We must prepare His way, with lives and hearts free from sin, clearing the path for God's Spirit to work. In Advent, each child of God is called to walk in the footsteps of John the Baptist, preparing ourselves and our world for God. Are you ready?

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!

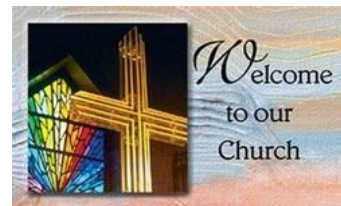
NEW PARISHIONERS: We, St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Parish welcome new parishioners to register with our parish by calling the Rectory at (570) 825-6669 or stopping by during office hours. We are handicap accessible in the rear side of the church. We also invite you to visit our web page at <http://stleos-holyrosary.org>. Thank you.

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



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, 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.

2ND COLLECTION: There will be a 2nd collection this weekend Dec. 5/6 for Care and Education of Priests. Please be generous. God Bless you always.

CHURCH CLEANING: Cleaning of the Church for Christmas will be Wed., Dec 16 at 9:00 a.m. Please come if you are able to help. Thank you and God Bless for your faithful service to our church.

GREETERS: 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 Aukstakalnis and at 11:00 a.m. is Rose Mary Strish. The greeter for Sat., Dec. 12 at 4:30 p.m. is Dorothy Hess and for Sun., Dec. 13 at 8:30 a.m. are Mary Kay Gavlick and Alyssa Gayewski and for 11:00 a.m. is Rose Wallace. Thank you for your faithful service to our parish.

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 the weekend of 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 has been 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.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE: There will be Advent Penance Service at Holy Family Church in Sugar Notch on Wednesday, December 9 at 7 p.m. and at St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church on Sunday, December 13 at 4 p.m. Please come.

CHRISTMAS MASSES: Thursday, Christmas Eve, December 24th at 4 p.m. and 10 p.m. and Friday, Christmas Day, December 25th at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

2016 CALENDARS: The calendars are available in the rear of the church. Feel free to help yourselves. We would like to thank George Strish, Inc. and Lehman Family Funeral Service, Inc. for sponsoring our calendar this year. May God Bless them for their generosity.

THANK YOU: Thank you to all those who helped in any way with the clean up of the church hall. Thank you for your love and dedication to your church. May God Bless you.

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS: The Knight of Columbus will meet Tues, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Church Hall. All members are urged to attend.

THANK YOU: Thank you to Jim & Corliss McGovern for the monetary donation in memory of Jack McGovern. May God Bless them for their generosity.

ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN'S SOCIETY: There will be a meeting this Sun., Dec. 6 at 2 p.m. in the Church Hall. Hostesses are: Mary Carol Gabla and Toni Riscavage. Please attend. Thank you.

PARISH PROJECTS:

PROJECT COMMITTEE: Committee members include: Tom Hooper, Don Kane, Paul Golias, John Gabla, Michael Yasenckak, 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:

As we wind down on repair and renovation work for 2015, we thank all parishioners for prayers, donations and your patience during the projects. Major projects done this year include the parking lot, driveway, front sidewalks, west steel steps and Education Center/Food Pantry stabilization. New lights were installed in the hall, kitchen, entrances and sacristy. Emergency lighting systems in the Ed Center and hall have been or will be completed. Ed Center windows were repaired and insulating plastic was installed. The parking lot fence was cleaned of weeds and painted. Church collection baskets were restored. Other 2016 projects include replacement of the air conditioner project, rehabilitation or replacement of the east steel steps and construction of the St. Joseph grotto.

An additional \$310 in donations were received last weekend bringing the contributions to \$10,825. 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

DECORATING THE CHURCH: We will decorate the church on Saturday, December 19 at 9 a.m. for the Christmas celebration. If you are available to help, please come. Thank you.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: The Holy Name Society will meet on Sunday, December 13 in the Church Hall following the 11 a.m. Mass. All men of the parish are welcome.

THANK YOU: A donation was made in memory of Rita Blye to the Ashley Food Pantry at the Ecumenical Service last week from Jane & Ray Clarke, Rosemary Clark, Jim Clark, Joe & Irene Clark and Margaret Bromfield.

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 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 Klingses, 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 and the faithful departed 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	12/07	8:00 AM	Jacqueline Koveliski	Mother
	Immaculate Conception Vigil	5:15 PM	For Our Parishioners	
Tuesday	12/08	8:00 AM	Anne & George Strish	George & Rose Mary Strish
	Immaculate Conception	5:30 PM	Robert Adams, Sr.	Jim Mullin Family
Wednesday	12/09	8:00 AM	No Mass	
Thursday	12/10	8:00 AM	Edmund Borkowski	Wife & Sons
Friday	12/11	8:00 AM	Gorham/Duffy Families	Family
Saturday	12/12	4:30 PM	Special Intentions	
Sunday	12/13	8:30 AM	For Our Parishioners	
		11:00 AM	Frank Pilch, Sr.	Wife & Children
		2:00 PM	Vietnamese Mass	

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF REBECCA & JULIA MOORE BY JIM MULLIN FAMILY AND IN MEMORY OF MARGARET HANNON & KAY LEWANDOSKI BY SISTERS & BROTHER. A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY BELLAS FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF JEAN O'DONNELL BY DAUGHTER ARLENE; IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH E. BRADSHAW BY NORENE BRADSHAW; IN MEMORY OF CHARLES ZAVASKAS BY PHIL & RITA WOODS & FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL MAGERA BY WIFE & FAMILY; SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR LISA MARIE DESCHAK-STANISCE BY GRANDPARENTS, IN MEMORY OF NANCY & JACK MCGOVERN BY FRIEND, MARIE KEEGAN, IN MEMORY OF SUE HUDA BY MARGARET & MARIJO ZELINKA; IN MEMORY OF HELEN HOOPER BY MR. & MRS. THOMAS HOOPER AND IN MEMORY OF HENRY SUNDAY BY WIFE, CATHERINE. A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN LOVING MEMORY OF BILL GALARDI BY WIFE, NANCY; IN MEMORY OF MARY ALICE MAKOWSKI BY COLLEEN NEALON CALENTI; IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM MCGOWAN BY WIFE; IN MEMORY OF ROSE & JACK WALSH BY MOLLY JONES; IN MEMORY OF IRENE DRAZBA BY HUSBAND & DAUGHTER; IN MEMORY OF MR. & MRS. MICHAEL POLITZ BY MR. & MRS. THOMAS HOOPER; IN MEMORY OF JOHN MCGOVERN, SR. AND IN MEMORY OF GEORGE KARLO BY HELEN.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: Our Parish Goal is \$38,000.00. So far we have donated \$20,871.00. Thank you to those who have already donated. May God Bless you for your kindness and generosity.

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to the newly baptized member of our parish Chloe Ana Dudkiewicz, daughter of Joseph & Alison Dudkiewicz, on Saturday, November 28. May God Bless them.

COOKIE SALE: The Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society Christmas Cookie sale is the week-end of Dec. 12 & 13 before and after all masses. Members and parishioners are encouraged to bake their favorite Christmas Cookies for the sale. Please pack the cookies in baggies in sets of 6 or 12 per bag and mark the bag with the type of cookie you are donating. Drop off Dec. 12 after 3 p.m. at the Church Hall or before the week-end masses. Thank you.

WAFER SALE: Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society Wafer Sale continues through Dec. 20 before and after week-end masses. Donations are always appreciated.

SHUT-INS: Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society and Holy Name Society annually light candles for Shut-ins of our parish and send them a Christmas card. If you know of a parishioner who is in a nursing home or confined at home, please inform Rosemary Strish (570) 825-3681 or the rectory (570) 825-6669.

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 11/29/15

\$5,351.19