



**HOLY YEAR OF  
MERCY**  
12/8/2015 -11/12/2016



**DECEMBER 20, 2015  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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

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**CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS-SOLEMNITY OF THE BIRTH OF THE LORD:**

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Our Advent journey has come to fulfillment. With overwhelming joy we have been gathered together to celebrate the birth of the Messiah. Tidings of great joy are announced to us this day—tidings of great joy to be shared by the whole people. At this time of gift giving, let us praise the One who gave us the greatest gift ever given to the world. Let us open our minds and hearts to welcome the Messiah, who comes at this sacred moment to save us from sin and deliver us from the darkness of evil. In the person of the tiny Christ child in the manger, the promise of salvation is made manifest. **O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!** May the infant Christ bless you richly with the Gifts of His LOVE as you share it with each other. Please know that you will be in ever prayer I utter throughout this Holiday Season.

*Have a Holy Christmas and a Happy New Year!  
Devotedly.*

*Fr. Vincent Dang*



**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**

## 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. Following mass we will have our annual Christmas Party will be held in the church hall. Please bring your children to attend and participate in the Mass and the Christmas Party. 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 Michelle 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 Sun., Dec. 27 and Jan. 3. Classes will resume on Sun., 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.

**READINGS:** (Dec. 27) Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128:1-5 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 Lk 2:41-52

Family life is rooted in the unconditional love of God as witnessed by the Holy Family. Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the temple. He returns to Nazareth, obedient to them.

**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.** Please come. Thank you.

**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD/2016 NEW YEAR'S DAY:**

With the coming of the Lord Jesus, God has bless the earth with the greatest gift: the promise of eternal life. Just as Mary reflected on the events surrounding Jesus' birth, so, too, do we ponder this many blessings God has showered on us. As the scriptures are proclaimed, let us pray that this New Year will see ever-new blessings of peace poured out on our weary world. **There will be three masses: on Thursday, Dec. 31, New Year's Eve Mass will be 4:30 p.m. and on Friday, Jan. 1, New Year's Day masses will be 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.** Please come to offer the New Year in God's providence.

**GREETERS:** The greeter for Sat., Dec. 19 at 4:30 p.m. is Ann Drazba and for Sun., Dec 20 at 8:30 a.m. are CCD Children and at 11:00 is Mary Lou Cook. The greeter for Sat., Dec. 26 at 4:30 p.m. is Catherine Smith and for Sun., Dec. 27 at 8:30 a.m. are Mary Carol & John Gabla and for 11:00 a.m. is Donna Ranieli. Thank you.

**PARISH GIVING TREE:** The deadline is Sunday, December 20. Thank you and God Bless you always.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you for your generosity to the 2nd collection last weekend for the Retirement Fund for the Religious and Diocesan Priests. God Bless you always.

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

**OFFICE CLOSED:** The office will be closed Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25.

**THURSDAY MASS:** There will no 8 A.M. Mass on Thursday, December 24. Thank you.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Congratulations to the newly baptized member of our parish Macey Leigh Blain daughter of Kevin and Christine Blain, on Sunday, December 13. May God Bless them.

**ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN'S SOCIETY:** Will hold a pre PIGGIE DINNER meeting on Sun., Jan. 3 at 2 p.m. in the Church Hall. Hostesses for the social after the meeting will be Bonnie Lazar and Maureen Beckley. New member are always welcomed. Our PIGGIE DINNER will be on Sun., Jan. 17 from 12 Noon to 3:30 p.m. We will begin to sell tickets in the vestibule the week-end of Jan. 2 & 3, 2016.

**RAFFLE WINNERS:** Pat Ziekosh, Doc McStuffins Check Up Set; Carm Nealon, Fisher Price Spin Art Alley; Mary Engle, Barbie Cut & Style; Marianne Baseski, Fur Real Friend; Mike Yasenachak, Disney I Found It Game; Margie Y., Disney Pixar Cars Racing Storybook; Dan Stempleski, Lincoln Logs; Donna Ranieli, V-tech Tote & Go Laptop; Joseph C. Yedlock, Flutter Bye Doll; Audrey Ball, Doc McStuffins Doll & Car; Jean Schappert, Spiderman Alarm Clock and Monster Truck. Thank you to all who supported or helped in any way with the Youth Group Raffle. May God Bless you always.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** We encourage parishioners to use your Christmas Flower envelope. It helps defray the costs of decorating our church. Please clearly write your name on the envelope we can publish the names of those who donated. Thank you and God Bless.

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION:** Every Christmas brings new hope for our world and our lives as we celebrate the birth of Christ, the Prince of Peace. Let us pray that Christ will bestow greater peace on our society and world. As we ask for Christ's gifts of peace, our parish asks for your Christmas gift for our Christmas collection. Please be generous and thank you with all my heart for your special gift to St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Parish this Christmas. Thank you.

**WAFER SALE:** This is the last week-end the Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society will offer the Wafers/Oplatki in the vestibule. Donations are always appreciated. Thank you for keeping this beautiful tradition each year.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to those that came to clean the church for the Christmas celebration. You have done a marvelous job. May God Bless you always.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to those that came to decorate the church for the Christmas celebration. May God Bless you always.

**ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN'S SOCIETY:** The Society thanks all who participated in our Christmas Cookie Sale, by working, baking your delicious cookies or purchasing the many decorative cookies. Your support helps our society buy rosaries for our First Communion class each year, the Christening cloth/bib for those baptized in our parish and candles for the Shut Ins of our parish at Christmas. It also helps us support our parish financially.

**THANK YOU:** A special thank you to Jerry Schlude, Bob Gorski and Bob Kerestes, Jr. for installing the exit and emergency lighting in the Church Hall. May God Bless you for your faithful service to our parish.

**THANK YOU:** A very special thank you for the flowers that were placed on the altar this weekend in memory of Anna Gabla by her family. Please remember her in your prayers.

**TAX STATEMENT:** In compliance with the IRS regulations, all donations to be credited for 2015 must be in the office by December 26th or in the collection basket the weekend of December 26/27. **Itemized statements of contributions for tax purposes will be issued to any parishioner requesting one.**

**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.

**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, Lila 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, Florence Borkowski, Anna Lorraine Merlie, Billy Shemanski and the faithful departed especially Winnie Youngblood 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	12/21	8:00 AM	Ida Mae Foley	Family
Tuesday	12/22	8:00 AM	Leona Augustyniak	Daughter
Wednesday	12/23	8:00 AM	No Mass	
Thursday	12/24	4:00 PM	For Our Parishioners	
Christmas Eve		10:00 PM	Connie Yedlock	Family
Friday	12/25	8:30 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Christmas		11:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Saturday	12/26	4:30 PM	Anna Aleszczyk	Merlie & Berger Family
Sunday	12/27	8:30 AM	For Our Parishioners	
		11:00 AM	Mr. & Mrs. James Murphy, Sr.	Mr. & Mrs. James Murphy, Jr.

AS WE CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS, A CANDLE IN FRONT OF THE BLESSED MOTHER OR THE SACRED HEART WILL BE LIT FOR THE FOLLOWING SHUT INS FOR HEALTH & BLESSINGS BY THE ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN'S SOCIETY & THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY: ANDREW & LORETTA BALBERCHAK, THE BELLAS FAMILY, CARL BOZINKO, BETTY BRYSKI, ELEANOR BUTASEK, JERRY CAVANAUGH, GILBERT & GERRY COONEY, JAMES CURRY, LISA DESCHAK, PATRICK DIESO, MARIETTA GDOVIN, MARY GOLIAS, AGNES GREGORY, ADAM HAVERLY, BETTY LEWIS, THERESA PATSKO, ROBERT & APPI PEPPERLING, KATHRYN POLAK, AL & DOROTHY RUSAK, LORRAINE SHINKO, MARGE WOZNOCK, ANN ULICHNEY AND VALERIA ZABOFSKI .

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM MCGOWAN BY HIS WIFE; A BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE FOR STANLEY KOPICZAK BY HIS WIFE IRENE KOPICZAK & DAUGHTER JOANN; IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH LEO GORHAM BY WIFE & FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MAZZA FAMILY BY FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF JOHN WALLACE BY WIFE & CHILDREN; IN LOVING MEMORY OF DECEASED FAMILY & FRIENDS BY RON & NANCY MCCANN & MAUREEN ORAVIC AND IN MEMORY OF CONNIE YEDLOCK BY JOE & ROBIN YEDLOCK & FAMILY.

A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY THE BELLAS FAMILY; JEAN O'DONNELL BY DAUGHTER ARLENE; IN MEMORY OF IDA MAE FOLEY BY FAMILY; FOR KIMBERLY MCGOVERN PLISKA BY MOM & DAD; IN MEMORY OF CECILIA MCGOVERN BY JIM & CORLISS MCGOVERN; FOR A SPECIAL INTENTION; IN MEMORY OF MARY HUDAK BY FAMILY; FOR JOE & THERESA HUDAK BY SON, JOE & FAMILY; FOR GERALD & MARY MALONEY BY JOE HUDAK; IN MEMORY OF ROSS BECKLEY BY WIFE & FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF DEBORAH KLINGLER BY MOM & FAMILY; FOR ALL LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR AND ROSARY/ST. ANN'S SOCIETY BY THE SOCIETY; IN MEMORY OF MATILDA NARDONE & ROBBIE NARDONE BY THEIR LOVING FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF JOE & KATHERINE MORRIS BY JOE & ROBIN YEDLOCK & FAMILY; IN HONOR OF FATHER DANG FOR HEALTH & BLESSINGS BY ASHLEY FAMILY; SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR HEALING; AND FOR SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR HEALING FOR KAREN SPAGNOLA BY GEORGE & TONI RISCAVAGE.

A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF MARGARET HANNON BY HANNON FAMILY; IN LOVING MEMORY OF BILL GALARDI BY WIFE, NANCY; FOR PEGGY MARASKI BY SHARON & BOB SENCHAK; IN MEMORY OF BILL GALARDI BY JIM & CORLISS MCGOVERN; IN MEMORY OF JACK & NANCY MCGOVERN BY JIM & CORLISS MCGOVERN, IN MEMORY OF TONY RANIELI BY JOE & ROBIN YEDLOCK & FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF RAY, ELLEN & KEVIN CLARKE BY JOE & ROBIN YEDLOCK & FAMILY AND IN MEMORY OF ALL DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY BY THE SOCIETY.

### 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*

<b>Weekly Collection for 12/13/15</b>	<b>\$7,577.00</b>
<b>Retired Religious</b>	<b>\$549.06</b>