

JANUARY 10, 2016
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

**HOLY YEAR OF
MERCY**

12/8/2015 - 11/12/2016

ST. LEO'S/HOLY ROSARY PARISH

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READINGS: (Jan. 17) Is 62:1-5 Ps 96:1-3, 7-10 1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11

At Cana in Galilee, Jesus performed the first of his signs, revealing his glory to his disciples, and later to the nations. He has revealed as well the manifestation of the Spirit who distributes different gifts as he chooses.

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.

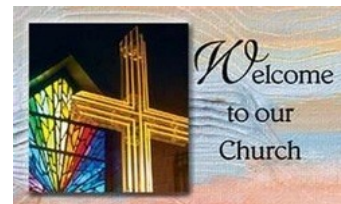
VIETNAMESE MASS: There will be a Vietnamese Mass on Sunday, January 17, 2016 at 2 p.m. All are welcome!

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.

FIRST PENANCE: Penance Workshop will be on Sat. Jan. 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the church hall. (for children only). There will be a parents meeting during CCD class on Sun. Jan. 17 in the church. There will be practice for 1st Penance on Tues., Jan. 19 and Wed., Jan. 20 from 6 - 7 p.m. and on Thurs., Jan. 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. (parent or parents to attend as well)

FIRST PENANCE: The following children will receive First Penance on Saturday, January 23: Kaylee Bevan, Matthew Colloty, Macie Centak, Brianna Franco, Brayden Karpinski, Spencer Martinez, Seth Mrak, Aiden Nealon, Luke Pereyo, Cody Quaglia, Michael Ralston, Jakob Rutkoski, Charles Seiger, Jaydon Skipalis, and Caitlin Vigorito. Please pray for these children as they prepare to receive the sacrament.

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 as soon as possible. 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 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. The greeter for Sat., Jan. 16 at 4:30 p.m. is Dorothy Hess and for Sun., Jan. 17 at 8:30 a.m. is Mary Kay Gavlick and for 11:00 a.m. are Rose Murray and Trish Savitsky. Thank you for your faithful service to our parish.

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: Our society wishes to invite all members, parishioners and friends to come to our **Piggie Dinner** on Sun., Jan.17 from 12 to 3:30 p.m. in the church hall. The cost is \$9/adult and \$4/child. The piggies will be provided by A Touch of Class Catering. Tickets can be purchased before and after all weekend masses in the vestibule. Ticket sellers for Sat., Jan. 9: 4:30 p.m. Rose Mary Strish; Sun., Jan. 10, 8:30 a.m. Mary Carol Gabla; 11 a.m. Marianne Shulo; Sat., Jan. 16, 4:30 p.m. Toni & George Riscavage; Sun., Jan. 17, 8:30 a.m. Rose Mary Strish and 11 a.m. Mary Frances Heiser. Minimal tickets will be sold at the door.

BAKED GOODS NEEDED: We are asking for help with baked goods to serve as our dessert for the dinner. We appreciate your help and all the delicious desserts our parishioners always donate, because they are so good. Thank you.

CLEANING: We will be cleaning the church hall Friday, Jan. 15 at 4:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and help clean the hall and kitchen. On Saturday, Jan. 16 we will set up the tables and do final preparations after the 4:30 p.m. mass. Thank you.

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.

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.

THANK YOU: Thank you for your generosity to the 2nd collection last weekend for Care and Education of Priests. God Bless you always.

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.

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.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: The Christmas Decorations will be taken down in the Church on Mon., Jan. 11 at 9:00 a.m. Please come if you are available to help. Thank you.

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: A special thanks to those who donated in loving memory of Elizabeth Lewis. May God bless you for your kindness and generosity to our parish.

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.

LIVING STATIONS: There will be a very important meeting for the Living Stations on Sun., Jan. 17 in the church at 12 noon. This is open to all members of the Parrish. We are in need of cast members: women, children, disciples, props, lighting and narrators . Please attend, it will be a short meeting. If you are unable to attend please call either the rectory or Lynn Cole (570) 817-3815 and leave your name and number. Please do not assume we know you will participate, you need to let us know. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to Mrs. Ellen Drake on her 95th birthday. May God Bless her and her upcoming year be filled with good health, joy and happiness.

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, 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, John Knight, Pat Emery and the faithful departed especially Elaine O'Day 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	01/11	8:00 AM	Louis Temperine	Tom Casey & Family
Tuesday	01/12	8:00 AM	Angela Randazzo	Dr. Henry F. Smith
Wednesday	01/13	8:00 AM	No Mass	
Thursday	01/14	8:00 AM	Phillip Calabro	The Calabros'
Friday	01/15	8:00 AM	Patrick H. Boyle	The Sassi Family
Saturday	01/16	4:30 PM	Dennis & Edith Carlin	Family
Sunday	01/17	8:30 AM	Mrs. Nell Chapasko	Angie, Jackson, Carole & Don
		11:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
		2:00 P.M.	Vietnamese Mass	

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF JACK & NANCY MCGOVERN BY THEIR FAMILY.

A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN IN HONOR OF GERTRUDE BEKAMPIS ON HER 90TH BIRTHDAY BY THE BOTSKO FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY MOM, DAD, CASEY & JARED; IN LOVING MEMORY OF BILL GALARDI BY WIFE, NANCY & SONS AND A SPECIAL INTENTION FOR KIM MCGINLEY BY ARLENE HOOPER.

A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL FEDAK BY WIFE & FAMILY, IN MEMORY OF FRANCIS "SONNY" WARREN BY AUNT JO MAGDA; IN MEMORY OF BERNIE MAGDA BY HIS DAUGHTERS SHARON LEE & BONNIE AND IN MEMORY OF THOMAS M. HART, SR. BY JO HART & FAMILY.

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.

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

CHILI, CHOWDER, & SOUP CONTEST: Due to the lack of entries, the contest has been cancelled for this year. Thank you.

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 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

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.

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.

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 01/03/15	\$8,338.83
Care & Education of Priests	\$525.46