

JANUARY 17, 2016
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**HOLY YEAR OF
MERCY**

12/8/2015 - 11/12/2016



ST. LEO'S/HOLY ROSARY PARISH

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Baptism Call the Rectory
Weddings Call the Rectory

READINGS: (Jan. 24) Neh 8:2—4a, 5-6, 8-10 Ps 19:8-10, 15 1 Cor 12:12-30, Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
Ezra proclaims the word of the Lord which gives spirit and life. Jesus proclaims himself the fulfillment of the Law and the prophets. In him we have become one body with many members.

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

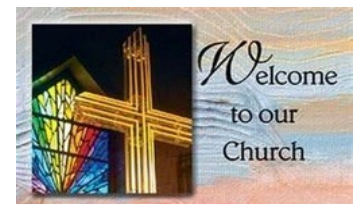
WEEKEND — Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
WEEKDAYS — 8:00 a.m. all weekdays except Wednesday
HOLY DAYS — (Vigil) 5:15 p.m., (Day) 8:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

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 First 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 Collotty, Macie Centak, Brianna Franco, Samantha Ann Hess, 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. 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. The greeter for Sat., Jan. 23 at 4:30 p.m. is Ellen Davis and for Sun., Jan. 24 at 8:30 a.m. is Frank Aukstakalnis and for 11:00 a.m. is Rose Wallace. Thank you for your faithful service to our parish.

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. 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.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD: The Feast of the Presentation and Candlemas Day will be celebrated on Tuesday, February 2 at 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church. Candles will be blessed at this Mass. All are invited to bring candles to Mass to have them blessed.

MEMORIAL OF ST. BLAISE/BLESSING OF THROATS: Feb. 3 is the Memorial of St. Blaise. The traditional blessing of throats will take place on the weekend masses of Feb. 6 and Feb. 7 at St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church. Please come to receive your blessing.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY: In observance of World Marriage Day, there will be a renewal of marriage vows on Saturday February 13 at the 4:30 p.m. mass and on Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. masses. Couples should attend mass together so you can renew your marriage vows and receive your blessing.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK: In observance of the World Day of the Sick, anointing of the sick will take place after all masses the weekend of Feb. 20 & 21.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES: There will be three (3) Masses on Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 8:00 a.m., Noon and 5:30 p.m.

OFFICE CLOSED: The office will be closed Monday, Jan. 18 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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 is selling lottery calendars for the month of Feb. with 2 numbers on each ticket. They are \$5.00 each. For more info, please contact Christine Casey at (570) 825-5293.

THANK YOU: Thank you to all who helped remove the Christmas Decorations in the Church. May God Bless you always.

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.

THANK YOU: A special thank you to all who helped clean the church hall. May 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.

TAX STATEMENT: Itemized statements of contributions for tax purposes will be issued to any parishioner requesting one.

PANTRY VOLUNTEERS: We are recruiting 2 people who have trucks who would be willing to periodically pick up food at the CEO Weinberg Food Bank in Pittston Township. Pickups are generally scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings. We currently only have 1 driver. Please contact Norene Bradshaw at (570) 822-3639 for further information. Thank you.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: Ash Wednesday—Potato Pancake Batter Sale by the Quart—pre-made \$6.00. Pick up will be after the 8 a.m. or 12 p.m. Mass on Ash Wednesday. Call the rectory to order by 11 a.m. on Feb. 9. The Holy Name Society will hold a “**Souper Sunday**” collection of canned soups to help fill the shelves of the Food Pantry. Parishioners are asked to donate cans of soup when they attend Masses on the weekends Jan. 30-31 and Feb. 6-7. Spread the word...let's make it a true Souper Super Sunday! Thank you.

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, Mary Lou Kelly and the faithful departed 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	01/18	8:00 AM	George Shigo	Family
Tuesday	01/19	8:00 AM	Dolores Cunningham	Jackie Cunningham
Wednesday	01/20	8:00 AM	No Mass	
Thursday	01/21	8:00 AM	Anna Bukeavich	Son & Family
Friday	01/22	8:00 AM	Theresa P. Kerick	Mike & Mary Ann Mihneski
Saturday	01/23	11:00 AM	First Penance Service	
		4:30 PM	John Nealon, Sr.	Wife & Family
Sunday	01/24	8:30 AM	M/M Anthony Altavilla	Family
		11:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF THERESA DOBRANSKI BY FAMILY. A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK FOR A SPECIAL INTENTION; IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY MOM, DAD, CASEY & JARED; FOR A SPECIAL INTENTION; IN MEMORY OF CHARLOTTE EDDY BY MICHELE KOTCHICK.

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

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 \$24,066.00. 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.

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.

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.

CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE/COVERED DISH: The Centenary United Methodist Church 26 N. Main Street, Ashley will hold a Christian Unity Service and covered dish on Sun., Jan. 24 at 4 p.m. For information call (570) 824-6435.

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 01/10/16

\$7,558.95