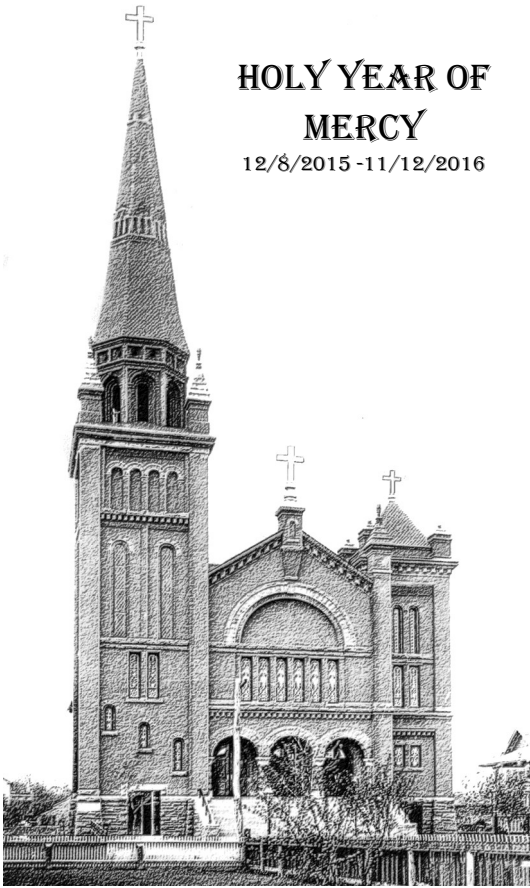


FEBRUARY 21, 2016
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**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: (Feb. 28) Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11 1Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 Lk 13:1-9
From the burning bush, Moses is called by God to lead his people out of slavery into freedom. The parable of the fig tree speaks, on the one hand, of God's patience, but, on the other, of the urgency of the call to conversion. Like the Hebrews of old, we too have failed to heed God's call, thinking ourselves to be self-righteous.

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.

VIETNAMESE MASS: There will be a Vietnamese Mass on Sunday, March 13, 2016 at 2 p.m. All are welcome!

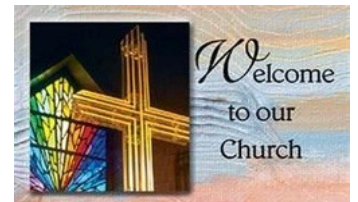
NEW PARISHIONERS: We, St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Parish welcome new parishioners to register with our parish by calling the Rectory at (570) 825-6669 or stopping by during office hours. We are handicap accessible in the rear side of the church. We also invite you to visit our web page at <http://stleos-holyrosary.org>. 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, Feb. 28 at 8:30 a.m. Please bring your children to attend and participate in the Mass. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE: First Holy Communion will be celebrated on **Saturday, May 7, 2016 at 11 a.m.** Please save this important date 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.

LENTEN REGULATIONS: As Jesus fasted 40 days in the desert, the Church traditionally fasts during Lent. A form of bodily prayer, fasting and abstinence in union with other Christians reminds us of our utter dependence on and love for God. A gesture of repentance, fasting is symbolic of change of heart as we turn away from sin to live in fidelity to the Gospel. **Fasting:** Ages 18-59 fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, limiting ourselves to one full meal and two smaller meals each day, with no snacking between meals.

Abstinence: Catholics age 14 and older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. **Easter Duty Obligation:** After they have received their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving at least once a year. The precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess their sins at least once a year but this is not limited to the Lenten-Easter Season.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Praying the Stations of the Cross is a way to embrace the passion of Jesus as we journey through Lent. Please join Fr. Dang every Friday evening at 6 p.m. in St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church for this Lenten devotion.

CONFESSION: The Church encourages us to make confession a regular part of our spiritual life, especially during the holy season of Lent, as we reflect on our baptism and repentance. Again this year, parishes participating in a Lenten initiative called The Light Is On For You. Every Monday evening during Lent, St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church and each parish throughout the Diocese of Scranton will have their "lights on" from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for confession so that Catholics can return to God's grace, mercy and healing.

2016 SUMMER FESTIVAL: St. Leo's/Holy Rosary's Summer Festival is scheduled for **June 23 - 25, 2016.** A list of this year's stands will be announced shortly so parishioners can donate prizes. Monetary donations are welcome if parishioners are unable to do the shopping but would like to contribute. Let us join hands together to do God's work. Thank you and God Bless you always.

GREETERS: The greeter for Sat., Feb. 20 at 4:30 p.m. is Catherine Smith and for Sun., Feb. 21 at 8:30 a.m. are Alyssa Gayewski and Mary Kay Gavlick and at 11:00 a.m. are Theresa & Ray Yedlock. The greeter for Sat., Feb. 27 at 4:30 p.m. is Theresa Kane and for Sun., Feb. 28 at 8:30 a.m. are CCD Children and at 11:00 a.m. is Catherine Smith. Thank you for your faithful service to our parish.

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.

THANK YOU: Thank you for your generosity to last week's second collection for Catholic Charities USA. God Bless you always.

ALTAR SERVERS: Altar servers will meet Sat., March 5 at 9 a.m. Parents are welcome to sit in. Plan on a one-hour meeting. New servers will be trained and all servers will prepare for Holy Week. Youngsters who have received First Communion are eligible to serve. Please consider this wonderful service at the altar of the Lord. In event of a funeral, the meeting will be March 12. For more info, call Paul Golias at (570) 829-6251.

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to the newly baptized member of our parish Harper Grace Makowski, daughter of Michael and Theresa Makowski on Sunday, February 14. May God Bless them.

VOCATION RETREAT: His Excellency, The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, D. D., J.C.L., accepted 3 new men into the Program of Priestly Formation for the Diocese: William Asinari, Andrew McCarroll & Mark Watrucki. A free "Vocation Retreat" is scheduled for Fri - Sat., Feb. 26-27 at the Villa of Our Lady Retreat House, Mt. Pocono. Young men ages 18-35 interested in taking a closer look at a Vocation to Diocesan Priesthood should contact Father Don Williams at (570) 207-1452 or email: vocations@dioceseofscranton.org.

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

HOLY NAME SOCIETY LENTEN FOOD SALES: The Holy Name Society will continue its Lenten food sales on Fridays during Lent, noon - 5 p.m. The specialty item Feb. 26 is vegetable lasagna. The menu includes Manhattan clam chowder, mushroom soup, pirohy, halushki, tuna hoagies and fudge brownies, coffee, soda, bottled water. Eat in or take out.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY HAM & KIELBASA BINGO: The bingo will be Sun., March 13 starting at 1 p.m. in the church hall. The kitchen will be open! Thank you for your support and patronage!

CYRENIANS: The Cyrenians will host "A Night At The Races" Sat., April 2 in the church hall. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. Food is served at 6 p.m. Post time is 7 p.m. Admission is \$5.00. To purchase a horse or sponsor a race, please call the Rectory (570) 825-6669 or Jackie Lehman (570) 823-6633. You must be 21 years of age to attend.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The Knights of Columbus will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. in the church hall. All members are urged to attend.

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 Passeti at (570) 814-1747.

LIVING STATIONS: If you are interested in participating please call Lynn Cole at (570) 817-3815 and leave your name and number. Thank you.

ASHLEY FOOD PANTRY: In the spirit of the Lenten season, we are asking parishioners to consider donating something different each week of Lent - Feb. 28: Pasta Sauce; Mar. 6: Cereal; Mar. 13: Canned Fruit; Mar. 20: Tuna Fish. Thank you for your support. May God Bless you.

2016 2nd ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE "BE A MAN: JESUS CHRIST, THE TRUE FACE OF MANHOOD": Will be held Sat., April 23, 2016 at King's College Scandlon Physical Education Center

149 N. Main St. Wilkes-Barre. Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary 6:00 a.m.; Registration/Continental Breakfast 7:00 a.m. and Conference 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Register on line at www.BeAManConference.com or mail completed application with check to Attn: Men's Conference, Office for Parish Life, 330 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, PA 18503.

ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN'S SOCIETY: A meeting for the Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society will be held on Feb. 28, at 2 p.m. in the church hall. All members are encouraged to attend. We will have the election of officers and the final "Piggy" report will be given. We will also discuss our upcoming "TEA" on April 17th. A social will follow the meeting hosted by Mary Lou Cook and Maggie Falchek. New members are always welcomed.

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, Mary Lou Kelly, Carl Bozinko, Mary Grace Gavlick, Mary Krupa and Theresa Woydzick and the faithful departed especially Robert Padden 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	02/22	8:00 AM	Ernest & Irene Shander	Frank
Tuesday	02/23	8:00 AM	Theodore Bonjo	His Mother & Sisters
Wednesday	02/24	8:00 AM	No Mass	
Thursday	02/25	8:00 AM	Edna Madrak	Lance & Marianne Baseski
Friday	02/26	8:00 AM	Walter Baseski	Lance & Marianne Baseski
		6:00 PM	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday	02/27	4:30 PM	Deceased Dobranski & Rygielski Family	Dobranski Family
Sunday	02/28	8:30 AM	For Our Parishioners	
		11:00 AM	Katherine Lewandoski	Judy Martin

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF IN MEMORY OF LEO & DAVID WENDOLOWSKI BY CELESTINE WENDOLOWSKI AND IN MEMORY OF ROBBIE NARDONE BY MOM, DAD & SARA.

A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY FAMILY, IN LOVING MEMORY OF BILL GALARDI BY WIFE NANCY & SONS AND IN MEMORY OF ROBBIE NARDONE BY HIS AUNTS, UNCLAS & COUSINS.

A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF LEO & DAVID WENDOLOWSKI BY CELESTINE WENDOLOWSKI, IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH MURRAY BY HOLY NAME SOCIETY AND SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR CARL BOZINKO BY 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 \$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.

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.

SOUP & SCRIPTURE: St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church will join Centenary United Methodist and Ashley Presbyterian Churches for a joint Soup and Scripture time each Thursday evening during the six weeks of Lent. Centenary United Methodist Church will host this event. Soup is served at 6 p.m. followed by scripture.

BREAKFAST: St. Robert Bellarmine will hold a breakfast Sun., March 6 in the school cafeteria from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. \$8/adults, \$4/children under age 12 and under age 4/free. Breakfast includes: pancakes, bacon, eggs, sausage, sausage gravy, home fries, toast, juice, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. Come join in fellowship.

GORZKIE ZALE: A traditional Polish Bitter Lamentations will be Sun., March 6 at 3 p.m. at Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church, Buttonwood. Everyone is invited to this Lenten Service. A light reception will follow. If you wish to join the choir to sing at the service, practice will be Sat., March 5 at 1 p.m. For further info please call (570) 823-6242.

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 02/14/16

\$8,240.90

Catholic Charities, USA

\$258.00