

JANUARY 1, 2017
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



ST. LEO'S/HOLY ROSARY PARISH

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Baptisms: Call the Rectory
Weddings: Call the Rectory

READINGS: (Jan. 8) Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12
All nations are invited to sing the Lord's praises for they have been called to hear the good news and worship the long-awaited Messiah and King with the gift of their lives.

Have a Blessed Healthy, and Happy New Year!

Parish Office Hours:
Monday through Friday
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

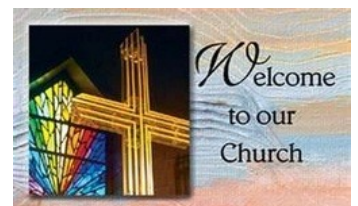
WEEKEND — Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
WEEKDAYS — 8:00 a.m. all weekdays except Wednesday
HOLY DAYS — (Vigil) 5:15 p.m., (Day) 8:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

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

VIETNAMESE MASS: There will be a Vietnamese Mass on Sunday, Jan. 29, 2017 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.



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.

Mrs. Michele Casey, DRE (570) 760-9793

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.

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Your children's safety is always the primary concern of ours. Please use your discretion if you choose to send your children to CCD in inclement weather.

NO CCD: There will be no CCD classes Sun., Jan. 1. Classes will resume Sun., Jan. 8.

CONFIRMATION MEETING: There will be an **important meeting** for parents and confirmation candidates on **Sunday, Jan. 15** after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the Church for children who will be in 8th grade in the Spring of 2018 or in 9th grade in the Fall of 2018. Please attend. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S MASS: There will be a children's Mass on Sun., Jan. 29 at 8:30 a.m. Please bring your children to attend and participate in the mass.

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. Deadline is January 8, 2017. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATES: First Penance will be celebrated **Sat., Jan. 21, 2017 at 11a.m.** First Holy Communion will be celebrated **Sun., May 7, 2017 at 11a.m.** Please save these important dates in your calendars. Thank you.

SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD/2017 NEW YEAR'S DAY: With the coming of the Lord Jesus, God has blessed 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 the 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.

THANK YOU: Father Dang would like to thank all who made Christmas at St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church a glorious celebration. He also wishes to express his heartfelt thanks to all who sent cards and gifts for Christmas. May God bless you with gifts of good health, peace and happiness!

THANK YOU: Thank you to those who donated Giving Tree Gifts. We had an overwhelming response and were able to share with the less fortunate in our community who have been blessed by your giving and love. A special thanks to those that sorted and distributed the gifts. A job well done! God Bless you always.

THANK YOU: Thank you to all who came to clean and decorate our church for the Christmas celebration. You have done a marvelous job. May God Bless you always.

THANK YOU: Thanks to all who made Christmas at St. Leo's/Holy Rosary a wonderful celebration: The Ministers of Liturgy and Music, (altar servers, ushers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, cantors, lectors, adult choir, children's choir, the instrumentalists); all who contributed generously to the Christmas collection and Christmas flower collection; visitors from far and near. May God Bless you always.

THANK YOU: A very special thank you to our Altar Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Cantors, Choir Members, Greeters, Ushers, 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 2016. May God reward you for your devotion to serve our parish.

2ND COLLECTION: There will be a 2nd collection this weekend Dec. 31/Jan. 1 for Care and Education of Priests. Please be generous. God Bless you always.

RESPECT LIFE MASS: The Knights of Columbus of Wyoming Valley is sponsoring a Respect Life Mass Sun., Jan. 15 @ 10:00 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 116 Hughes Street, Swoyersville. Please attend.

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS: A Bus to the March For Life, [Washington, D.C.](#), Fri., Jan. 27 will leave from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Swoyersville. For info and reservations please call Chris Calore at (570) 824-5621.

RESPECT LIFE BREAKFAST: The Scranton Chapter, Pennsylvanians for Human Life, will hold their annual Respect Life Breakfast on Sat., Jan. 28 at Fiorella's Restaurant, Peckville. Mr. Steve Mosher will be Guest Speaker. For reservations (\$21.00) please call the Scranton PHL Office at (570) 347-8299. Thank You.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL LOTTERY TICKETS: Lottery calendars for the month of Feb. with 2 numbers on each ticket will be sold in the rear of the church. They are \$5.00 each. For more information please contact Christine Casey after 6 p.m. at (570)262-5008. Thank you.

HOLY NAME ANNUAL SMOKER & MEETING: The Holy Name Society will meet Sun., Jan. 8 at 2 p.m. with their annual smoker (non-smoking, of course) to follow in the Church Hall. 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.

RECRUITING ALTAR SERVERS: Father Vinnie is in need of additional Altar Servers. Please any boy or girl, 8 years or older who received First Holy Communion is eligible to be an Altar Server. Please see Father or call the Rectory (570) 825-6669. Thank you.

CANTOR SCHEDULE: Sat., Jan. 7 at 4:00 p.m. Julianna; Sun., Jan. 8 at 8:30 a.m. Bob & at 11:00 a.m. Mary Claire. Thank you for your faithful service to our parish.

CHOIR: The choir is looking for additional members and anyone who plays an instrument and wants to share their talents to enhance our worship celebration please see Bob Passetti, Music Director after any mass or call him at (570) 814-1747. **Adult Choir practice is from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday Evenings.** Thank you and God Bless you always.

2016 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: "Living Faith Serving with Mercy." Our Parish Goal is \$35,000.00. So far we have donated \$19,258.00. Please be generous. Thank you and God Bless.

HANOVER AREA STUDENT COUNCIL & JSC CHILI, CHOWDER & SOUP CONTEST: Will be held Sun., Jan. 22 from Noon to 2:00 p.m. to benefit the Ashley Food Pantry. It will be at the Hanover Area Jr./Sr. H.S. Cafeteria. Adults: \$5.00; Children (6-12) \$3.00 and Under 5 free. Admission includes samples of all entries. Deadline to enter Tues., Jan. 17. For info see <http://www.hanoverarea.org>; or call 831-2300, ext. 229.

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, Lorraine Shinko, Mary Golias, Lila Aukstakalnis, Tom Smith, Marion Ferguson, Harry Bobos, Joyce Seiger, Jerry Cavanaugh, 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, Carla Schlegel, Jackson Chapasko, Faye Klinges, Margaret Sipple, Robert Bozek, Christopher Fee, Karen Spagnola, Leah Cronauer, Bonnie Turchin, Maryann Lavan, Richard Reed, Jesse Mendoza, Mary Benson, Sophie DeLuca, Anna Lorraine Merlie, Billy Shemanski, Carl Bozinko, Mary Krupa, Ruth Kackauskas, Maureen Latzman, Rodell Dunn, Richard Walton, Colleen Lorelli, Elizabeth Spagnola, Richard Gdovin, Jared Banesh, Mary Jo Murphy, George Warman, David Bukoski Jr., Kate and Jacob Ide, Mary Tomasko, Jonathan Elick, Jimmy Kinney, Peanut Frantz, Sally Hooper, Melissa Smyk, Janet Tyson, Sara White, Richard Prestas, James Ehret, Robert Norkus and Dan R. 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	01/02	8:00 AM	Anna Bukeavich	Son & Family
Tuesday	01/03	8:00 AM	Rita Emery	Family
Wednesday	01/04	8:00 AM	No Mass	
Thursday	01/05	8:00 AM	Mr. & Mrs. Louis Temperine	Paul Viti
Friday	01/06	8:00 AM	Margaret Maraski	Larry & Janice Andes
Saturday	01/07	4:30 PM	Theresa McGowan	Family
Sunday	01/08	8:30 AM	For Our Parishioners	
		11:00 AM	Stephen Beres	Beres Family

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED.
A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF RITA EMERY BY FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF MI-
 CHAEL BELLAS BY BELLAS FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF LINDA MARIE YEDLOCK BY FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF JACK & NANCY
 MCGOVERN BY FAMILY AND IN MEMORY OF ALBERT RUSAK BY WIFE & FAMILY.
A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN LOVING MEMORY OF BILL GALARDI BY WIFE NANCY &
 SONS.

CANDLES

There are Sanctuary, Blessed Mother and Sacred Heart Candles available for 2017. If you would like to
 dedicate a candle for someone, please call the rectory at (570) 825-6669. Thank you.

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

THANK YOU: Thank you to all those who donate food, money or time to the Food Pantry. May God bless you
 for your kindness, generosity and love.

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.

TAX STATEMENT: Itemized statements of contributions for tax purposes will be issued to any parishioner re-
 questing one. Please call the office (570) 825-6669. Thank you.

GREETERS: The greeter for Sat., Dec. 31 at 4:30 p.m. is Fran Spencer and for Sun., Jan. 1 at 8:30 a.m. are
 Barbara and Dan Piestrak and at 11:00 a.m. is Rose Wallace. The greeter for Sun., Jan 7 at 4:30 p.m. is Ann
 Drazba and for Sun., Jan. 8 at 8:30 a.m. are Mary Kay Gavlick and Alyssa Gayewski and at 11:00 a.m. are Rose
 Murray and Trish Savitsky. Thank you for your faithful service to our parish.

ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN'S SOCIETY: Will hold an important meeting **Mon., Jan. 2 at 12 Noon** in the
 Church Hall. They will discuss the upcoming Piggy Dinner to be held Sun., Jan. 22. Tickets will be sold the week
 -ends of Jan. 7/8 and Jan. 14/15. All members are encouraged to attend. Hostesses are Jane Clarke & Rose Mary
 Strish. New members are always welcomed.

25TH OR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: His Excellency, the Most Reverend 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 wed-
 ding anniversary in 2017 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sun., June 11. 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 by registering with the office before March 13. Please call (570) 825-6669. Thank you.

OFFICE CLOSED: The office will be closed Mon., Jan. 2.

SOUPER SUNDAY CANNED SOUPS COLLECTION: The Holy Name Society will be collecting canned
 soups any flavor, any brand during January up to the Super Bowl. Boxes will be at the church entrances on the
 weekends of Jan. 14-15, Jan. 21-22, Jan. 28-29 and Feb. 4-5. Place your canned soups in the boxes and the Holy
 Name Society will get the soup to the Food Pantry. Thanks to all!

ASHLEY FOOD PANTRY

**Items in special need during January: Cereal and
 crackers. Thank you:** Thank you to all who have

COMMITMENT OF TREASURE

*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not Reluctantly or under com-
 pulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver— II Corinthians 9:7*

Weekly Collection for 12/25/16

\$13,221.25