

**DECEMBER 4, 2016
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



ST. LEO'S/HOLY ROSARY PARISH

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READINGS: (Dec. 11) Is 35:1-6a, 10 Ps 146:6-10 Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11

In the person of Jesus, God has come to heal and save us. Patiently, yet joyfully, we await the fulfillment of his advent.



As we begin this season of Advent, we look more deeply at our lives and prepare our hearts for Christ. What is calling us into the light? Are we willing to let the divine potter fashion what is best for our lives? May we prepare ourselves to be all that God created us to be.

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

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

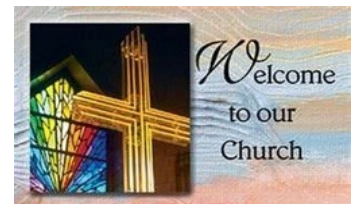
WEEKEND — Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
WEEKDAYS — 8:00 a.m. all weekdays except Wednesday
HOLY DAYS — (Vigil) 5:15 p.m., (Day) 8:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

VIETNAMESE MASS: There will be a Vietnamese Mass on Sunday, Dec 11, 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.

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

SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN: As we begin CCD classes, please lookout for the safety of our children especially as they are dismissed from class at 10:30 a.m. when you may be arriving for 11:00 a.m. Mass. Thanks.

CHILDREN'S MASS: There will be a children's Mass on Sun., Dec. 18 at 8:30 a.m. Please bring your children to attend and participate in the mass.

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.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY ANNUAL LOTTERY TICKET SALE: Tickets are for the month of Feb. and are \$5 each. Each ticket has 2 chances to match the daily Pick 3 number, drawn at 7 P.M. Prizes range from \$25 - \$100, with special prizes for numbers that match the Pick 3 numbers on both 2/14 & 2/28. Money from this sale will help support St. Vincent's charitable work in the parish and community. Tickets may be purchased in the vestibule, before and after Dec. weekend Masses; from any member of the Society; or by calling Christine Casey at [570-262-5008](tel:570-262-5008), after 6 P.M.

ANNUAL GIVING TREE: Is in the sanctuary and we are asking for gifts suitable for children up to age 15. Please take an ornament from the tree indicating the age and gender of the child; purchase a suitable gift for the child; and place it UNWRAPPED, with the ornament taped to it, under the Giving Tree. **All gifts must be placed under the tree by the end of the 11 A.M. Mass on 12/18.** Our gifts will go first to clients of the Ashley Food Pantry who have registered their children and to members of the parish who have registered their children. (Simply call the Rectory during normal business hours to register those children whose families need help providing Christmas gifts to them. We'll need the name, age, and gender of the child.) We will once again also be collecting socks, undergarments, gloves, scarves, etc. for the homeless. These UNWRAPPED items should also go under the tree. Thank you.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THURSDAY, DEC. 8: On Thursday we celebrate the patronal day of the United States, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We believe that she herself was free from the stain of sin from the moment of her conception. Mary is the perfect Advent model for us. As we imitate her faithfulness, we say "yes" to God's invitation to bring Christ to the world. **The Vigil Mass will be Wed., Dec. 7 at 5:15 p.m. There will be two Masses on Dec. 8 at 8:00 a. m. and 5:30 p.m. at St Leo's/Holy Rosary Church.** Please come to honor our Blessed Virgin Mary.

CHRISTMAS MASSES: Saturday, Christmas Eve, December 24th at 4:00 p.m. and 10 p.m. and Sunday, Christmas Day, December 25th at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

GREETERS: The greeter for Sat., Dec. 3 at 4:30 p.m. is Catherine Smith and for Sun., Dec. 4 at 8:30 a.m. is Alyssa Gayewski and for 11:00 a.m. are Rose Murray & Trish Savitsky. The greeter for Sat., Dec. 10 at 4:30 p.m. is Catherine Smith and for Sun., Dec. 11 at 8:30 a.m. are Alyssa Gayewski & Mary Kay Gavlick and for 11:00 a.m. is Rose Wallace. Thank you for your faithful service to our parish.

ASHLEY LIONS CLUB CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY: Will be Sat., Dec. 10 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. in St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church Hall. Food and drinks will be provided. Santa will be present and all children will receive a gift. For information, contact the Lion's Club. Thank you.

RECRUITING ALTAR SERVERS: Father Vinnie is in need of new 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.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE: Will be at St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church Sun., Dec. 11 at 4 p.m.; Holy Family Church, Sugar Notch Tues., Dec. 13 at 7 p.m.; St. Faustina Parish, Nanticoke Thurs., Dec. 15 at 7 p.m.; St. Robert Bellarmine Sat., Dec. 18, 11 - 12:30 p.m. and Exaltation of the Holy Cross 3:30 - 5 p.m. Please come.

2017 CALENDARS: The calendars are available in the rear of the church. Feel free to help yourselves. We would like to thank George Strish, Inc. and Lehman Family Funeral Service, Inc. for sponsoring our calendar this year. May God Bless them for their generosity.



HANDMADE SWAROVSKI CRYSTAL ROSARY FUNDRAISER: The Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society received a beautiful Swarovski Crystal Rosary donated by member Beth Nealon. This handmade 5 decade rosary is designed with Astral Pink Swarovski Crystals. The beautiful 1 1/2" flowered Crucifix and the 5/8" Miraculous Medal centerpiece are both solid Sterling Silver. The rosary is hand wired wrapped and measures 17 1/2" long. It will be on display and offered for chances - \$2.00 each or 3/\$5.00 the 4 weekends of Advent in the vestibule at the same table with our Oplatki. The drawing for the rosary will be Sun., Dec. 18 after the 11 a.m. Mass. Thank you.

COOKIE SALE: The Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society will hold their Annual Cookie Sale the week-end of Dec. 10/11 in the Church Hall. Bags of cookies will be 6/\$2.50 or 12/\$5.00. We invite every good cookie maker to bring your specialty cookies Sat., Dec. 10 after 3 p.m. The profit as all our society's fundraisers goes to support our parish. Thank you. **Workers: Sat., 12/10 at 4:30 p.m.** Maggie Falchek, Mary Lou Cook, Flossie Jablowski & Toni & George Riscavage. **Sun., 12/11 at 8:30 a.m.** Barbara Mitchell, Bonnie Lazar & Beth Nealon and at **11 a.m.** Maureen Beckley, Mary Bozinko and Rose Wallace.

WAFER SALE: The Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society Wafer Sale continues through Dec. 18 before and after week-end masses. The week-end of Dec. 10/11 it will be in the Church Hall. Donations are appreciated.

CHURCH CLEANING: Cleaning of the Church for Christmas will be Tues., Dec. 6 at 9:00 a.m. Please come if you are able to help. Thank you and God Bless for your faithful service to our church.

DECORATING THE CHURCH: We will decorate the church Sat., Dec. 17 at 9 a.m. for the Christmas celebration. If you are available to help, please come. Thank you.

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.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: Will meet Sun., Dec. 11 in the Church Hall following the 11 a.m. Mass. The Turkey Bingo and the upcoming Smoker in January will be discussed. All men of the parish are welcome.

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, Rodel 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 and James Ehret 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	12/05	8:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Gorham & Duffy Families	Family
Tuesday	12/06	8:00 AM	James Londergan Sr.	Jim & Francie Londergan
Wednesday	12/07	5:15 PM	For Our Parishioners	
Thursday	12/08	8:00 AM	George & Anne Strish	George & Rose Mary Strish
		5:30 PM	John Shulo	Marianne Shulo
Friday	12/09	8:00 AM	Robert Adams Sr.	Mullin Family
Saturday	12/10	4:30 PM	Jude Schappert Sr.	Jean & Family
Sunday	12/11	8:30 AM	Mary & James Hammersley	Phil & Joann Duffy
		11:00 AM	Gloria Deitz	Regina Chmil, Fr. John, Paul & Kim
		2:00 PM	Vietnamese Mass	

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF REBECCA & JULIA MOORE BY THE MULLIN FAMILY AND IN MEMORY OF JEAN O'DONNELL BY ARLENE MCGOWAN.

A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF MARIE SHRADER BY CAROLE KNEAL & GARY BURCZY; FOR A SPECIAL INTENTION; IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY BELLAS FAMILY; IN LOVING MEMORY OF BILL GALARDI BY WIFE NANCY & SONS AND IN MEMORY OF HENRY SUNDAY BY WIFE CATHERINE SUNDAY.

A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF MARY MAKOWSKI BY COLLEEN NEALON CAL-ENTI; IN MEMORY OF THOMAS M. HART SR. BY JO HART & FAMILY AND IN MEMORY OF "THE CHIEF" TOM ENGLE BY CAROLE KNEAL & GARY BURCZY.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. William (Mary) Bly on the 60th Anniversary of their wedding. May God Bless them with good health, joy and happiness.

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to the newly baptized member of our parish Avery Hann, daughter of Garrett Hann and Katelyn Krebs, on Sun., Nov. 27. May God Bless them.

ECUMENICAL ADVENT SERVICE: Will be Sun., Dec. 4 at 3 p.m. at The Ashley Presbyterian Church.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: The 2016 Diocesan Annual Appeal: "Living Faith Serving with Mercy." We are asked to renew our commitment to support the local Church and the greater community by sharing God's gifts with those in need. Our Parish Goal is \$35,000.00. So far we have donated \$17,798.00. Please be generous. Thank you and God Bless.

ASHLEY FOOD PANTRY: In anticipation of preparing Christmas meal bags for clients, we are asking if you would consider donating any of the following items: mashed potatoes, stuffing, turkey gravy or yams. It looks like we will be okay with other vegetables and cranberry sauce. Our usual needs still include cereal, pancake mix, syrup, peanut butter and spaghetti sauce. Brown grocery bags are always welcome. Thank you.

SHUT-IN LIST: The Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society and Holy Name Society annually light candles for Shut-ins of our parish and send them a Christmas card. If you know of a parishioner who is in a nursing home or confined at home, please inform Rosemary Strish at (570) 825-3681 or the rectory at (570) 825-6669.

2ND COLLECTION: There will be a 2nd collection this weekend Dec. 3/4 for Care and Education of Priests. Please be generous. God Bless you always.

CANTOR SCHEDULE: Sat., Dec. 10 at 4:30 p.m. Sue; Sun., Dec. 11 at 8:30 a.m. Lynn and at 11:00 a.m. Julianna. Thank you for your faithful service to our parish.

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 11/27/16

\$4,942.50