

**JANUARY 8, 2017**  
**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**



## **ST. LEO'S/HOLY ROSARY PARISH**

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**Web Site:** [www.stleos-holyrosary.org](http://www.stleos-holyrosary.org)  
**Pastor:** Reverend Vincent Dang  
**Pastor Emeritus:** Reverend Thomas J. O'Malley  
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**Baptisms:** Call the Rectory  
**Weddings:** Call the Rectory

**READINGS:** (Jan. 15) Is 49:3, 5-6 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34

Jesus, the Lamb of God, is the light of the nations who came to do the father's will. In Christ we have been called to be a holy people.

### **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, 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.

### **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

**WEEKEND** — Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

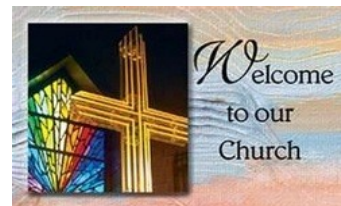
**WEEKDAYS** — 8:00 a.m. all weekdays except Wednesday

**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.**

**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.

**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.

**FIRST PENANCE:** The following children will receive First Penance on Saturday, January 21: Caleb Balas, Lukas Balas, Jacob Vanderhoff, Khloe Evans, Adelynn Brill, Katherine Beth Mullen, Abigail Simcox, Connor Padden and Brendan M. Searfoss. Please pray for these children as they prepare to receive the sacrament.

**FIRST PENANCE WORKSHOP:** Will be Sat., Jan. 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. There will be practice for First Penance on Tues., Jan. 17 and Thurs., Jan. 19 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the church.

**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:** Thanks to all who made Christmas at St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church 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.

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

**RESPECT LIFE MASS:** The Knights of Columbus of Wyoming Valley is sponsoring a Respect Life Mass Sun., Jan. 15 at 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.

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

**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.

**THE EPIPHANY BLESSING:** The Epiphany House Blessing will be available in front of the manger in St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church.

**VIETNAMESE NEW YEAR'S MASS:** Sunday, Jan. 29 at 2 p.m. the Vietnamese Community will celebrate the New Year, the Year of the Rooster with a Mass at St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church. A reception will immediately follow the Mass in the Church Hall. All are welcome to celebrate with the Vietnamese brothers and sisters. If you plan on attending, there is a sign up sheet in the back of the church or you can call the Rectory at (570) 825-6669. The deadline is Monday, Jan. 23 to sign up. Thank you.

**CHUC MUNG NAM MOI!**

**Happy New Year!**

**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.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Will meet Tues., Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. in the Church Hall. All members are encouraged to attend. Thank you.

**CANTOR SCHEDULE:** Sat., Jan. 14 at 4:00 p.m. Melanie; Sun., Jan. 15 at 8:30 a.m. Bob & at 11:00 a.m. Julianna. 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, 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, Janet Tyson, Sara White, Richard Prestas, James Ehret, Robert Norkus and Dan R. and the faithful departed especially Mary Lou Lukachko and Michael J. Gasper 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	01/09	8:00 AM	Dennis & Edith Carlin	Family
Tuesday	01/10	8:00 AM	Jack Baranousky	Betty, Suzie & Jessika Baranousky
Wednesday	01/11	8:00 AM	No Mass	
Thursday	01/12	8:00 AM	Richard Tomko	Family
Friday	01/13	8:00 AM	Joe Lewandoski	Jane & Ray Clarke
Saturday	01/14	4:30 PM	Irene Baranousky	Betty, Suzie & Jessika Baranousky
Sunday	01/15	8:30 AM	Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Altavilla	Family
		11:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF NANCY MEINEKER BY COLLEEN NEALON CAL-  
ENTI AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF BILL GALARDI BY WIFE NANCY & SONS.

A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF PAULINE KUROVSKI BY PAUL & ELAINE  
GOLIAS AND IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY MOM, DAD, CASEY & JARED.

A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF LOUISE FITSER SISTER OF DENNIS CARLIN BY  
FLOSSIE JABLOWSKI AND IN MEMORY OF TOM HART SR. BY WIFE JO & FAMILY.

### 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:** 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., 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. The greeter for Sat.,  
Jan. 14 at 4:30 p.m. is Mary Lou Cook and for Sun., Jan. 15 at 8:30 a.m. are Mary Carol and John Gabla and at  
11:00 a.m. is Tom Heiser. Thank you for your faithful service to our parish.

**ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN'S SOCIETY PIGGIE DINNER:** Will be Sun., Jan. 22 from 12noon - 3 p.m. in  
our Church Hall. Tickets will be available in the vestibule starting January 7-8 before & after the weekend  
masses. Tickets are \$10/adult & \$5/child. Sellers for Sat., Jan. 7, 4:30 p.m. are: Toni & George Riscavage, Sun.,  
Jan. 8, 8:30 a.m. Beth Nealon & Mary Lou Cook, 11 a.m. Maureen Beckley & Rose Wallace, Sat., Jan. 14, 4:30  
p.m. Bonnie Lazar & Flossie Jablowski, Sun., Jan. 15, 8:30 a.m., Mary Carol Gabla & Rose Mary Strish, 11 a.m.  
Marianne Shulo & Donna Ranieli. **We ask all members, parishioners and friends to donate your favorite  
cakes and cupcakes for the dinner. We love your desserts and thank you in advance for your support.**

**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 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 01/01/17	\$7,553.50
Care & Education of Priests	\$593.10