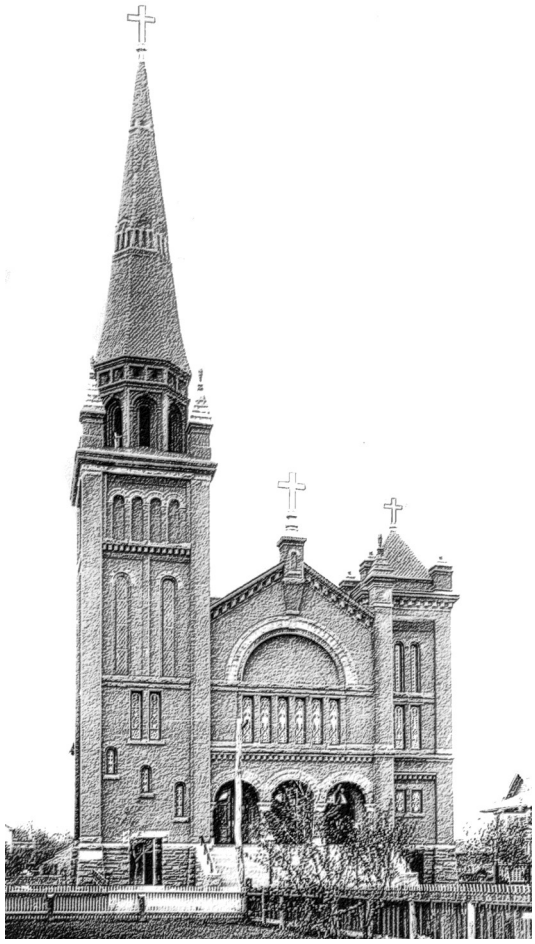

NOVEMBER 23, 2014
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

ST. LEO'S /HOLY ROSARY PARISH

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Weddings	**Call the Rectory**

READINGS: (Nov. 30) Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 Psp 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 1Cor1:3-9 Mk13:33-37
Lord, rend the heavens and come down. Come and save us from our sins. Let us turn again to you and so be found blameless when you return in glory.

THANKSGIVING MASS THURSDAY, NOV. 27: The word "Eucharist" means "to give thanks". For the church every Lord's Day is a day of Thanksgiving. By virtue of our baptism it is our duty and our delight always and everywhere to give thanks and praise on behalf of the world. I invite you to St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church for Thanksgiving Mass at 8:00 a.m. to offer thanks to God for all the blessings so generously poured forth upon us.

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. , Noon & 7:00 p.m.

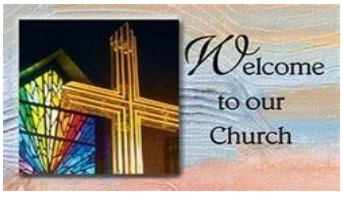
Parish Office Hours:
Monday through Friday
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

VIETNAMESE MASS: There will be a Vietnamese Mass on Sunday, December 14, 2014 at 2:00 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 stop 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 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Sunday.

THANK YOU: Thank you to the CCD teachers and children who participated in the Children's Mass last Sunday. May God Bless you.

NO CCD: There will be no CCD classes next Sunday, November 30. Classes will resume on Sunday, Dec. 7.

CHILDREN'S MASS: There will be a children's Mass on Sunday, December 21 at 8:30 a.m. Please bring your children to attend and participate in the mass.

SAVE THE DATE: First Penance will be celebrated on **Saturday, January 24, 2015** at 11:00 a.m. Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Tuesday, April 7, 2015** at 5:00 p.m. by Emeritus Bishop John M. Dougherty. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on **Saturday, May 2, 2015**, at 11:00 a.m. Please save these important dates in your calendars. Thank you.

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. 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: Eucharistic ministers 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 a Holy Communion Minister bring the Lord in the Eucharist. Please call the rectory, Toni Riscavage, 868-8215 or Paul Golias, 829-6251 to be placed on the list.

PARISH OFFICE: The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday & Friday Nov. 27 & 28 in observance of Thanksgiving.

ALL SOULS : The month of November is the traditional month for remembering those who have died. During this time, we will pray in a particular way for those we love and to whom we owe so much—The deceased family & friends. I invite you to remember your own families and friends with me during the month of November. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

LECTORS: The new 2015 Workbook for Lectors is available in the Sacristy. Please pick up as soon as possible. Thank you.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MONDAY, DEC. 8: On Monday 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. There will be two Masses at 8: 00 a. m. and 5:15 p.m. at St Leo's/Holy Rosary Church. Please come to honor our Blessed Virgin Mary.

SUMMER FESTIVAL 2015: We met for the 1st time and the Committee has been formed. Arlene Walsh is the Chairperson and Rose Murray is the Co-Chairperson. The dates of our Summer Festival are June 25, 26 & 27. Please save the date and come to the next meeting on Monday, Dec. 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall. This is our most important parish activity. Thank you so much for your dedication and service to our parish. God Bless you.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: "Transform Lives Together" Please, give generously to God as he gives generously to us, supporting the Diocesan Annual Appeal with our prayers and our gifts. Our parish goal is $44,000.00. We have collected $16,735.00. You can send your donation directly to the Office of the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Thank you for your generosity.

GREETERS: The Greeters for the weekend of Nov. 22-23 are: Nov. 22 at 4:30 p.m. is Fran Spencer; Nov. 23 at 8:30 a.m. is Mary Lou Cook, and 11:00 a.m are Rose Murray & Trish Savitsky. The greeters for the weekend of Nov. 29-30 are: Nov. 29 at 4:30 is John Walsh; Nov. 30 at 8:30 a.m. are Angie & Jackson Chapasko and at 11:00 a.m. are Theresa & Ray Yedlock.

CHRIST THE KING: This weekend Nov. 22-23 the Church celebrates our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This is the end of the liturgical year. Father Vinnie encourages parishioners to wear something red to honor our Lord. Thank you.

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE: There will be a Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, Nov. 25 at 7 p.m. at St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church. Please come. There will be a collection taken for the benefit of the Ashley Food Pantry. Please bring donations of food to the Thanksgiving Service or at the weekend Masses. **Parishioners are asked to donate baked goods for the reception/social gathering following the Thanksgiving Service**. For more information contact Michele Casey at 570 760-9793. Thank you.

CHOIR PRACTICE: Choir practice will be held every Wednesday. The Youth Choir will meet at 6:00 p.m. The Adult Choir will meet at 7:00 p.m. All parishioners are welcome to come and raise their voices in praise. Looking forward to seeing everyone there! For questions please call Bob Passetti, Music Director at 570-814-1747. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: The Adult and Children's choir will present their annual Christmas Concert on Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the church. Everyone is invited.

ASHLEY FOOD PANTRY: in addition to our usual monthly food distribution, the pantry staff hopes to provide each family with food items for a Christmas meal. Items needed include mashed potatoes, stuffing, canned yams, cranberry sauce and gravy. In September we served 92 families and in October 93 families. We have an ambitious goal so we hope we can count on your support. Donations may be dropped off in the vestibule until December 14. Thank you.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: The Holy Name Society will hold its annual Turkey Bingo on Sunday, Nov. 23 in the church hall. Doors open at noon and early bird games begin at 1. The kitchen will be open. Door prizes will be awarded. Fun for all.

ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN'S SOCIETY: The Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society will meet on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 2 p.m. to discuss the upcoming cookie sale & Piggie Dinner. Hostesses will be Mary Lou Kelly, Margaret Woznock & Joan Latzko. New members are always welcomed. Christmas Wafers/Oplatki will be offered again by the Altar& Rosary/St. Ann's Society in the vestibule on the 4 weekends of Advent. This wafer symbolizes Christ as it is shared as a sign of peace & hope at the beginning of our Christmas Eve dinner. Volunteers are Nov. 29 at 4:30 p.m. Nancy Walton; Nov. 30 at 8:30 a.m. Mary Carol Gabla; 11:00 a.m. Mary Lou Kelly & Margaret Woznock. The Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society will have a Christmas Cookie Sale on Dec. 13 & 14 before and after all weekend Masses. Members and parishioners are encouraged to bake their favorite Christmas cookies for the sale. Our Society appreciate all the support and donations of everyone in the parish. Thank you.

FATHER CIRBA'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION: You are cordially invited to attend a Mass of Thanksgiving for Father Richard Cirba, 25 years of service to the Diocese of Scranton, to be held on the Feast of Christ the King, Sunday, November 23, at 11 a.m. Mass at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish. A reception will follow in the church hall (noon to 2 p.m.) For information call St. Al's 570-823-3791.

ANNOUNCEMENT IN BULLETIN: Attention Societies and organizations, if you would like to place an announcement in the bulletin, the deadline is Tuesday. Also, please send Father your Association activities dates so that we can reserve your date in the church hall. Please call the Rectory at 570-825-6669 or drop off your announcement at the office. Thank you.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY: St. Vincent De Paul Society will hold a bake sale after all Masses this weekend and at the bingo. Thank you.

CYRENIANS: The Cyrenians will meet on Sunday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. in the Church hall. All members are invited to attend.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Please pray for Jared & Debbie Bellas, John Lucas, Rita Bly, Lois O'Hara, Flavia Pollick, Florence Ryder, Ron Warke, Marie & Robert Cronauer, Joseph Nealon Sr., Julie Harlen, Lorraine Shinko, Dolores Cunningham, Theresa Kerick, Dane McSparron, Mary Golias, Eileen Aukstakalnis, Tom Smith, Joyce Kahlau, Marion Ferguson, Harry Bobos, Joyce Seiger, Jerry Cavanaugh, Barbara Smith, Geri Truschel, William Vancosky, Katherine Svetz, Joseph Murray, Bonnie Magda, Albert Finnarelli, Frank Kempf, Helen Ungvarsky, Louise & Ron Brandt, Robert Lusk, Bob Youngblood, Paul Nice, Jean Wiernusz, Dee Ruda, and John H. Hopper, III, 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 Marianne at the rectory office 570-825-6669.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	11/24	8:00 AM	Betty Witinski	Husband Andrew Witinski, Jr.
Tuesday	11/25	8:00 AM	John Yancheck, Jr.	Wife & Family
Wednesday	11/26		No Mass	
Thursday	11/27	8:00 AM	Rose Ann & Joseph Murray	Children
Friday	11/28	8:00 AM	Raymond Litiven	Wife
Saturday	11/29	4:30 PM	David Anthony Koonrad	Leeann & Ken Koonrad
Sunday	11/30	8:30 AM	Marion Petro	The Hoolick Family
		11:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK FOR ALL DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY.

A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY HIS FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF IDA MAE FOLEY BY THE FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF ROSS BECKLEY BY WIFE & CHILDREN; IN MEMORY OF DEBORAH A. KLINGLER BY MOM & FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF MARGARET HANNON; FOR DECEASED MEMBERS OF MCGOVERN & BOSTON FAMILIES BY FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF KIMBERLY MCGOVERN PLISKA BY THE FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF DONNA CASEY BY THE LARRY CASEY FAMILY & GRANDCHILDREN; IN MEMORY OF KATIE O'KONSKI BY GODPARENTS.

A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF FRANCIS & HELEN PELSKI BY THEIR DAUGHTER; IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH MCDONALD BY HIS FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF MR. & MRS. JOSEPH CASEY BY THE LARRY CASEY FAMILY.

Please remember them in your prayers.

CANDLES: There are still Sanctuary, Blessed Mother and Sacred Heart Candles available for 2014/2015. If you would like to dedicate a candle for someone, please call the rectory at 570-825-6669.

PARISH MINISTRIES : St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Parish needs lay ministers in several areas to serve the parish and its members. **Youth Altar Servers** are need for weekend Masses. **Adult Altar Servers** are need for weekday Masses. We also need Adult Servers to serve at Funeral Mass. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** to the homebound are needed. We need at least six (6) as this ministry has mushroomed. Communion is taken on First Friday after the 8 a.m. Mass and on the third Sunday after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Service will be every other month if we have adequate staffing. You also have the option to minister at Masses. Pope Francis has reminded us that the obligation to share the Gospel and care for and serve others comes with baptism and so one is excused from the task, so please respond to the call of Pope Francis to evangelize. The example of your service and loving outreach are signs that we embrace and care for our brothers and sisters. Training is offered for all ministries. Please, call the rectory at 825-6669, or speak to Father Dang. Also Toni Riscavage (868-8215) and Paul Golias (829-6251) for more information.

YOUTH GROUP: On Sunday 11/30/14 from 3-6 p.m. the Youth Group will be available to wrap all your Christmas Gifts. A small fee of $1.00 per gift. Light refreshments and Christmas music will be provided. Come sit and relax while we wrap your gifts.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH-SUGAR NOTCH: Potato Pancake and Sausage and Peppers sale will be held on Sunday, Nov. 30 from noon to 4 p.m. at Holy Family Church. Eat in or Take out.

FOOD BANK ITEMS IN SPECIAL NEED:
Hot Chocolate, Peanut Butter, Mac & Cheese, Beef Stew, Spaghetti Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Tea, Snacks, Tuna or Hamburg Helper, & Spaghettios

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 11/16/14	**$6,598.95**