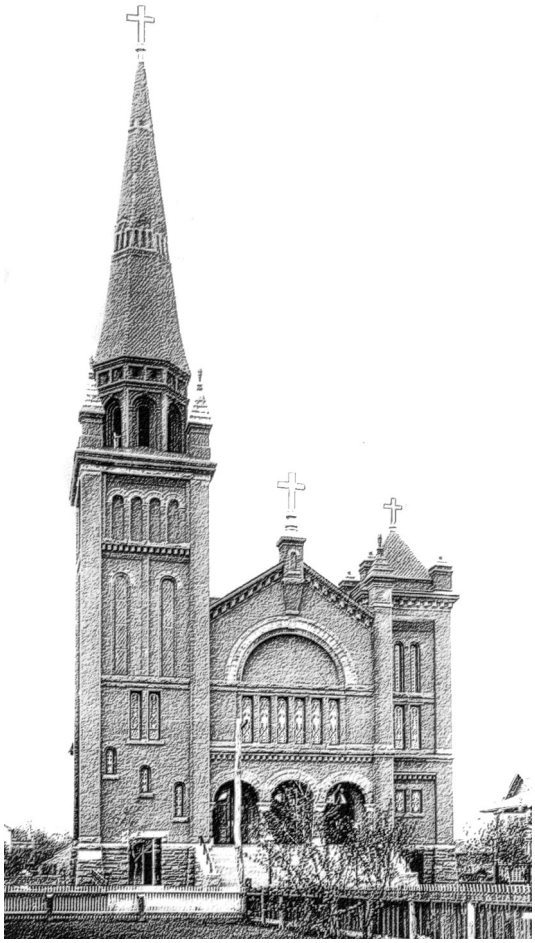

DECEMBER 21, 2014
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. LEO'S /HOLY ROSARY PARISH

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CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS-SOLEMNITY OF THE BIRTH OF THE LORD:

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Our Advent journey has come to fulfillment. With overwhelming joy we have been gathered together to celebrate the birth of the Messiah. Tidings of great joy are announced to us this day—tidings of great joy to be shared by the whole people. At this time of gift giving, let us praise the One who gave us the greatest gift ever given to the world. Let us open our minds and hearts to welcome the Messiah, who comes at this sacred moment to save us from sin and deliver us from the darkness of evil. In the person of the tiny Christ child in the manger, the promise of salvation is made manifest. **O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!** May the infant Christ bless you richly with the Gifts of His LOVE as you share it with each other. Please know that you will be in ever prayer I utter throughout this Holiday Season.

Have a Holy Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Devotedly,

Fr. Vincent Dang

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, January 18, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome!

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.

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 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Sunday.

NO CCD: There will be no CCD classes next Sunday, December 28. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 4.

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.

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 Michelle Casey at (570)760-9793. Deadline is January 4, 2015. Thank you.

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.

READINGS: (Dec. 28) Sir: 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128:1-5 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40.
Family life is rooted in the unconditional love of God as witnessed by the Holy Family.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD/2015 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. **There will be three masses: on New Year's Eve Mass will be 4:30 p.m. and on New Year's Day masses will be 8:30 a.m. and 11a.m.** Please come to offer the New Year in God's providence.

LOTTERY TICKETS: St. Vincent DePaul Society will be selling lottery calendars for the month of Feb. with 2 numbers on each ticket in the rear of the church during the month of Dec. They are $5.00 each. For more information please contact Christine Casey at (570) 825-5293.

SUMMER FESTIVAL 2015: The Committee has been formed. Arlene Hooper-Walsh is the Chairperson and Rose Murray is the Co-Chairperson. The dates of our Summer Festival are June 25, 26 & 27. 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 $21,070.00. 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 Dec. 20-21 are: Dec. 20 at 4:30 p.m. is Catherine Smith; Dec. 21 at 8:30 a.m. is Children's Mass and at 11:00 a.m. is Rose Wallace. The greeters for the weekend of Dec. 27-28 are: Dec. 27 at 4:30 p.m. is Faye Klinges; Dec. 28 at 8:30 a.m. is open; Dec 28 at 11:00 a.m. is Catherine Smith.

THANK YOU: Thank you for your generosity to the 2nd collection last weekend for the Retirement Fund for the Religious. God Bless you always.

CHURCH ENVELOPES: 2015 Church envelopes are available in the church hall. Please pick them up as soon as possible. If you can't find your envelope, please contact the rectory and we will issue envelopes for you. Thank you for your cooperation and may God Bless you for your faithful service to our parish.

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.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: Every Christmas brings new hope for our world and our lives as we celebrate the birth of Christ, the Prince of Peace. Let us pray that Christ will bestow greater peace on our society and world. As we ask for Christ's gifts of peace our parish asks for your Christmas gift for our Christmas collection. Please be generous and thank you with all my heart for your special gift to St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Parish.

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.

ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN'S SOCIETY: The Society would like to thank all those who participated in our Christmas Cookie Sale, either by working, baking your delicious cookies or purchasing the many decorative cookies. Your support helps our society buy rosaries for our First Communion class each year, the Christening cloth/bib for those baptized in our parish and candles for the Shut Ins of our parish at Christmas. It also helps us support our parish financially.

Christmas Wafers/Oplatki: This is the last weekend the Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society will offer the Christmas Wafers/Oplatki for this year. They are in the vestibule. Thanks for all keeping this beautiful tradition each year.

THANK YOU: Thank you to those that came to decorate the church for the Christmas celebration. May God Bless you always.

THANK YOU: Thank you to all those who donated gifts to our "Giving Tree". May God Bless you for your generosity.

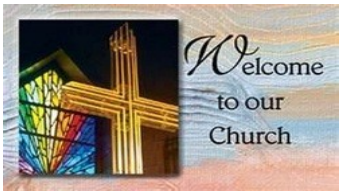
PROJECT ANDREW DINNER: Bishop Bambera invites all young men (ages 16-35) who are actively involved in the life of our parish and who have the gifts needed for service as a priest to join him for dinner on Monday, December 29 at 5:30 p.m. in the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Ave., Scranton. Please call Fr. Dang as soon as possible for reservations. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: We encourage parishioners to use your Christmas Flower envelope. It helps defray the costs of decorating our church. Please clearly write your name on the envelope so we can publish the names of those who donated. Thank you and God Bless you for your generosity.

2015 CALENDARS: The calendars are available in the rear of the church. We would like to thank George Strish, Inc. and Lehman Family Funeral Service, Inc. for sponsoring our calendar this year.

SNOW SHOVELING: If anyone is interested in shoveling snow and snow throwing (must be over 18) from the church sidewalks and steps please contact the rectory (570) 825-6669 or see Father.

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.



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, 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, John H. Hooper, III, Karen Hannis, Joan Grow Chowski, Leonard Kelly, James Curry and Richard Curry, Ann Fedak, Amanda Braley, Nancy Mc Govern, Gerald Mizenko, Robert Pepperling, Appi Pepperling and the faithful departed 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 Marianne at the rectory office 570-825-6669.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	12/22	8:00 AM	Dave & Raymi Zabofski	Zabofski Family
Tuesday	12/23	8:00 AM	Peter & Leona Augustyniak	Daughter
Wednesday	12/24	4 :00	For Our Parishioners	
		10:00	Connie Yedlock	Family
Thursday	12/25	8:30 AM	For Our Parishioners	
		11:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Friday	12/26	8:00 AM	Charles Evanchyk	Helen Yanovich
Saturday	12/27	4:30 PM	Anna Aleszczyk	Merlie & Barger Families
Sunday	12/28	8:30 AM	William Hughes	Hughes Family
		11:00 AM	M/M James Murphy, Sr.	M/M James Murphy, Jr.

AS WE CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS, THE BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BE LIT FOR HEALTH AND BLESSINGS BY THE ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN'S SOCIETY AND THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY FOR THE FOLLOWING SHUT-INS: ANDREW & LORETTA BALBERCHAK, BETTY BRYSKI, ANN ULICHNEY, MARY GOLIAS, JULIE HARLEN, THERESA KERICK, ADAM HAVERLY, LORRAINE SHINKO, MARIETTA GDOVIN, JOHN & JOSEPH GOCH, CARL BOZINKO, LISA DESCHAK, THERESA & PATRICK DIESO, THE BELLAS FAMILY, THERESA PATSKO, JERRY CAVANAUGH, AGNES GREGORY, KATHRYN POLAK, GENEVIEVE KOZEMKO, DOROTHY STEFANOVICH, ELEANOR BUTASEK, GILBERT & GERRY COONEY, JOHN SHEEDER, VALERIA ZABOFSKI, JAMES CURRY, GERALD MIZENKO AND APPI AND ROBERT PEPPERLING.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF DEBORAH A. KLINGLER BY MOM & FAMILY.

A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY HIS FAMILY; CATHERINE & BONAVENTURE LOMBARDELLI BY BERNADETTE DRUBY, PATRICIA & LEO DRUBY BY BERNADETTE DRUBY, IN MEMORY OF IDA MAE FOLEY BY FAMILY, IN MEMORY OF EDNA & EDWARD MADRAK BY FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF KIMBERLY MCGOVERN PLISKA BY MOM, DAD AND FAMILY; DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MCGOVERN FAMILY BY FAMILY; FOR A SPECIAL INTENTION; IN MEMORY OF M/M JOHN MAZZA BY FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF HAROLD HANNON BY MARGARET HANNON; IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH R. & JOSEPH J. MERLIE BY MERLIE & BARGER FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF ANNA & JOHN ALESZCZYK & JOSEPHINE & ZIG ROEBUCK BY MERLIE & BARGER FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF BERNARD ZELINKA BY MARGARET & MARIJO ZELINKA; IN MEMORY OF STANLEY KOPICZAK, SR. BY JOANN & FAMILY; BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE FOR STANLEY KOPICZAK BY WIFE IRENE KOPICZAK; IN MEMORY OF ELIZABETH TAGGART BY HER FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF CHRIS O'DONNELL BY ROB & GWEN O'DONNELL; IN MEMORY OF ROSS A. BECKLEY BY WIFE & FAMILY; FOR ALL THE LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN'S SOCIETY BY THE SOCIETY; SPECIAL INTENTIONS; IN MEMORY OF THE DANEY FAMILY BY THE KRATZ FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH GUTOSKY BY WIFE AND CHILDREN.

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 WALTER & WANDA BASESKI BY FAMILY; MARGARET HANNON; THOMAS HART BY FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF JOHN WALLACE BY WIFE & CHILDREN.

Please remember them in our prayers.

FOOD BANK ITEMS IN SPECIAL NEED:
Crackers, Coffee, Tea, Vegetable Soup, Beef Stew, Canned Fruit, Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghettios, Tuna Helper and Hamburger Helper.

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 12/14/14	**$8,790.55**
Retired Religious	**$404.25**