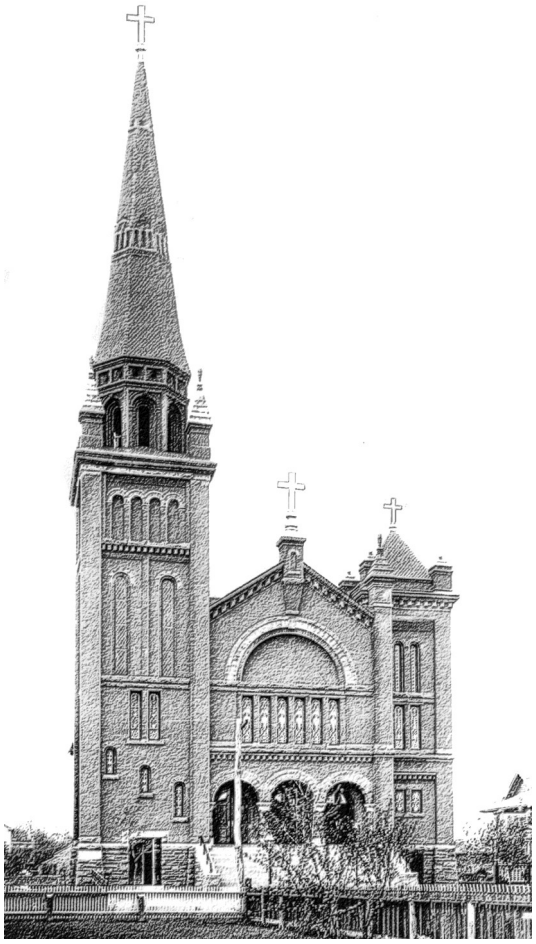

FEBRUARY 8, 2015
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. LEO'S /HOLY ROSARY PARISH

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Web Site:	**www.stleos-holyrosary.org**
Pastor:	**Reverend Vincent Dang**
Pastor Emeritus:	**Reverend Thomas J. O'Malley**
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Director of Music:	**Robert Passetti**
Director of Religious Education:	**Michelle Casey**
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Baptism	**Call the Rectory**
Weddings	**Call the Rectory**

READINGS: (Feb. 15) Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 Ps 32:1-2,5, 11 1Cor 10:31-11:1 Mk 1:40-45
Jesus manifests the powerful, healing love of God by curing the leper who was forced to live under severe restrictions by Jewish legislation. He turned to Jesus in his need and was filled with joy. We are called to imitate the healing and compassionate Jesus.

CHURCH ENVELOPES: 2015 Church envelopes are available in the church vestibule. Please pick them up as soon as possible. If you can't find your envelopes, 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.

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.

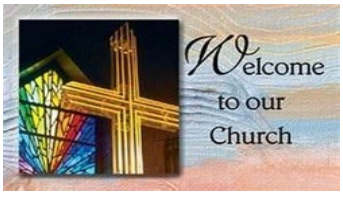
Parish Office Hours:
Monday through Friday
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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, February 22, 2015 at 2:00 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 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.

CCD: There will be no CCD classes Sunday, Feb. 15 due to the observance of Presidents' Day.

CHILDREN'S MASS: There will be a children's Mass on Sunday, February 22 at 8:30 a.m. Please bring your children to attend and participate in the mass.

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 as soon as possible. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE: 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.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a 2nd collection this weekend, Feb. 7 & 8, for The Care and Education of Priests. Please be generous. Thank you and God Bless.

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: Our parish goal is $44,000.00. We have collected $22,280.00. 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 Feb 7/8: Feb. 7 at 4:30 p.m. are John Walsh and Maggie Falchek; Feb. 8 at 8:30 a.m. are Mary Carol & John Gabla and Feb. 8 at 11:00 a.m. is Mary Heiser. The greeters for the weekend of Feb 14/15: Feb 14 at 4:30 p.m. are Dorothy Hess & Faye Klinges and Feb. 15 at 8:30 a.m. are Angie & Jackson Chapasko and Feb. 15 at 11:00 a.m. are Theresa & Ray Yedlock.

TAX STATEMENT: Itemized statements of contributions for tax purposes will be issued to any parishioner requesting one**.** 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.

MEMORIAL OF ST. BLAISE/BLESSING OF THROATS: Feb. 3 is the Memorial of St. Blaise. The traditional blessing of throats will take place on the weekend masses of Feb. 7 and Feb. 8 at St. Leo's/Holy Rosary.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK: In observance of the World Day of the Sick, anointing of the sick will take place after all masses the weekend of Feb. 21 & 22.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY: In observance of World Marriage Day, there will be a renewal of marriage vows on Saturday February 14 at the 4:30 p.m. mass and on Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. masses. Couples should attend mass together so you can renew your marriage vows and receive your blessing.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The Knights of Columbus will meet Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. in the Church Hall. All members are urged to attend.

CONFIRMATION CLASS: The second viewing of God is NOT Dead will be on Sunday, Feb. 8 at 4:30p.m. Remember this is **mandatory** in order to receive Confirmation.

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.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: The Holy Name Society will meet Sunday, Feb. 8 in the church hall following the 11:00 a.m. mass. Lenten food sales begin Friday, Feb. 20 and will continue on the Fridays of Lent, noon to 5 p.m. The annual ham & kielbasa bingo will be held Sunday, March 22 starting at 1 p.m. in the church hall. The kitchen will be open! Thank you for your support and patronage!

CYRENIANS: The Cyrenians will have their annual **Night at the Races on Saturday, Feb. 21.** See Insert regarding sponsoring horses and races. SPONSOR A RACE: Please call Maire Gorham at 570 814-7445 if you wish to sponsor a race. Race sponsors can be in memory of someone, by a business a family sponsorship, by politicians or in thanks for something. A race sponsor costs $25.00. You can either fill out the form or call Maire. RAFFLE: We are seeking donations of bottles of liquor and wine to be raffled off at "A Night at the Races". For more information call John Walsh at 824-2294 or drop off any donations at the rectory.

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

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES: There will be three (3) Masses on Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 8:00 a.m., Noon and 5:30 p.m. Ashes will be distributed at each mass. Please come and begin the 40 days of our Lenten journey.

LENTEN REGULATIONS: As Jesus fasted 40 days in the desert, the Church traditionally fasts during Lent. A form of bodily prayer, fasting and abstinence in union with other Christians reminds us of our utter dependence on and love for God. A gesture of repentance, fasting is symbolic of change of heart as we turn away from sin to live in fidelity to the Gospel. **Fasting**: Ages 18-59 fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, limiting ourselves to one full meal and two smaller meals each day, with no snacking between meals. **Abstinence**: Catholics age 14 and older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Praying the Stations of the Cross is a way to embrace the passion of Jesus as we journey through Lent. Please join Fr. Dang every Friday evening at 6 p.m. in St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church for this Lenten devotion.

LIVING STATIONS: On Feb. 15 after the 11 a.m. mass there will be a meeting for Living Stations in the church hall. This is opened to the Parish for casting, props, lighting and narrators. If interested and not able to make it please call Lynn @ 570 817-3815 and leave a message.

CONFESSION: The Church encourages us to make confession a regular part of our spiritual life, especially during the holy season of Lent, as we reflect on our baptism and repentance. Again this year, parishes participating in a Lenten initiative called The Light Is On For You. Every Monday evening during Lent, each parish throughout the Diocese of Scranton will have their "lights on" from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for confession so that Catholics can come to or return to this incredible source of God's grace, mercy and healing.

VIETNAMESE NEW YEAR MASS: Sunday, February 22 at 2 p.m. the Vietnamese Community will celebrate the New Year, the Year of the Goat 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.

CHUC MUNG NAM MOI !

Happy New Year !

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Please pray for Jared & Debbie Bellas, John Lucas, Rita Bly, Lois O'Hara, Flavia Pollick, Florence Ryder, Ron Warke, Robert Cronauer, Joseph Nealon Sr., Julie Harlen, Lorraine Shinko, 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, Frank Kempf, Louise & Ron Brandt, Robert Lusk, Paul Nice, Jean Wiernusz, John H. Hooper, III, Karen Hannis, Leonard Kelly, James Curry and Richard Curry, Ann Fedak, Amanda Braley, Nancy McGovern, Gerald Mizenko, Robert Pepperling, Appi Pepperling, Florence Borkoski, Bill Galardi, John Sheeder and the faithful departed especially for Robert Leo Sipple 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	02/09	8:00 AM	Mary McManus	James Ahlbrandt
Tuesday	02/10	8:00 AM	Richard Callahan	
Wednesday	02/11		No Mass	
Thursday	02/12	8:00 AM	Eleanor Hughes	The Moore Family
Friday	02/13	8:00 AM	Theresa P. Kerick	Lorraine Schultz
Saturday	02/14	4:30 PM	Ross Beckley	Wife & Family
Sunday	02/15	8:30 AM	Kevin Clarke	Victor & Muriel Decker
		11:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF ELEANOR HUGHES BY THE MOORE FAMILY.
A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN HONOR OF M/M ALBERT RUSAK FOR THEIR 67TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY; IN MEMORY OF THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE SHERNESKI FAMILY BY BERNADETTE DRUBY; IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY THE BELLAS FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF MARY SULLIVAN BY MARGARET AND MARIJO ZELINKA AND IN MEMORY OF GRANDMA FRANCES BOSTON BY GALARDI AND MCGOVERN FAMILIES.
A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF ROBERT MULLIN, JR. BY JIM MULLIN & FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF IRENE DRAZBA BY HUSBAND & DAUGHTER; IN MEMORY OF JOHN L. BOYLE BY GRANDCHILDREN JOHN & JANE GILLESPIE AND IN MEMORY OF DANIEL PEARL BY CAROLE KNEAL.

Please remember them in our prayers.

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

PARISH MINISTRIES : 25TH OR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: His Excellency, The Most Rev. 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 wedding anniversary in 2015 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 7. 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 through Father Dang before March 16.

50TH ANNUAL "GERMAN NITE": Will be held on Sat. Feb. 14 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. in the School Auditorium of St. Nicholas Church. German Style Buffet from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. along with music. Donation is $30 (Advance tickets only). Please call the rectory at 570 823-7736.

VOCATION RETREAT: Designed to help men ages 18-35 understand God's call to Diocesan Priesthood. Feb. 20-21, St. Gabriel's Retreat Center 631 Griffin Pond Road Clarks Summit, PA 18411. To register: Contact Father Don Williams @ the Diocesan Vocation Office. Call (570) 207-1452 or email: vocations@dioceseofscranton.org. Deadline: Feb. 13. (No charge).

GRACE'S GARMENTS: The free clothing store for children's clothing at Holy Family Church in Sugar Notch open every Saturday until Feb. 28. Store hours are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. They have a few adult items.

SOUP, BAKE & BOOK SALE: Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church, Main Rd., Hanover Twp., is having a soup, bake and book sale on Thursday, Feb. 12 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Soup of the month is Piggie Soup. Cost is $8.00 per quart. Take outs only. To place an order please call Sylvia at 570-825-6370 or Barry at 570 831-5593.

THANK YOU: Thank you to all who donate to the Ashley Food Pantry. May God Bless you for your kindness

FOOD BANK ITEMS IN SPECIAL NEED:
Coffee, Tea, Vegetable Soup, Tuna Helper, Cereal, Pancake Mix/Syrup and Crackers.

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 02/01/15	**$6,256.11**