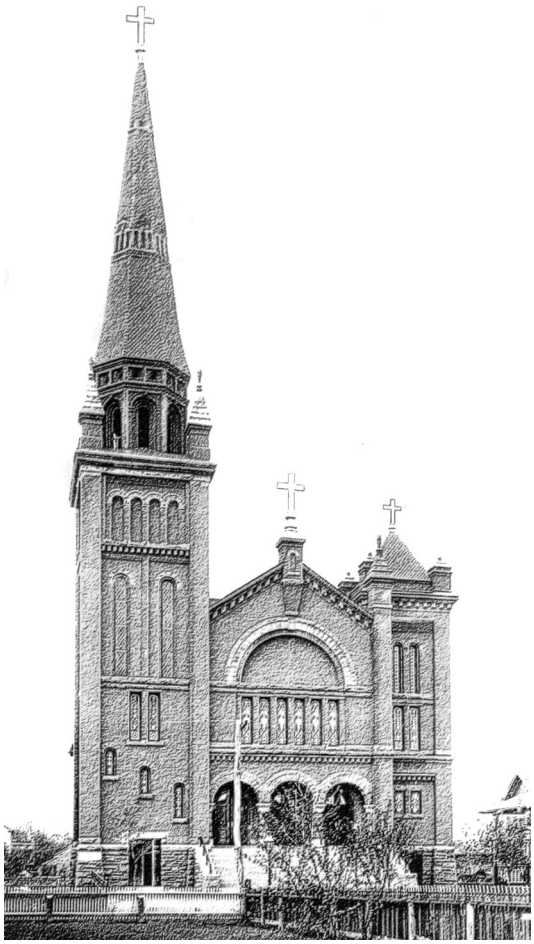
FEBRUARY 22, 2015
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



ST. LEO'S /HOLY ROSARY PARISH

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Baptism	**Call the Rectory**
Weddings	**Call the Rectory**

READINGS: (Mar. 1) Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ps 116:10, 15-19 Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10
Abraham offers the ultimate sacrifice of thanksgiving, the gift of his very son. This sacrifice prefigures the sacrifice of Jesus who died for us all. In his transfiguration, Jesus discloses a suffering messiahship.

CHURCH ENVELOPES: This weekend will be the last weekend the 2015 Church envelopes will be available in the church vestibule. Please pick them up. After that, if you would like 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.

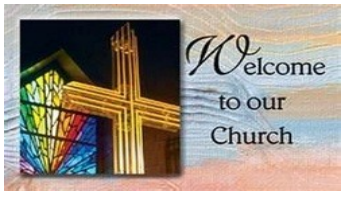
Parish Office Hours:
Monday through Friday
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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.

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.

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: As we come closer to the end of the diocesan annual appeal we are grateful for all your kindness and generosity. Our parish goal is $44,000.00. We have collected $22,530.00. Please give what you can and send your donation directly to the Office of the Diocesan Annual Appeal. May God Bless you always.

GREETERS: The greeters for the weekend of Feb 21/22: Feb 21 at 4:30 p.m. is Ann Drazba and Feb 22 at 8:30 a.m. Children's Mass and at 11:00 a.m. is Marianne Shulo. The greeters for Feb 28 at 4:30 p.m. are Theresa & Don Kane and March 1 @ 8:30 open and at 11:00 a.m. Bonnie Lazar.

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.

ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN'S SOCIETY: The Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society will hold a meeting on March 1 at 1PM in the church hall. Final report will be given on the Piggie Dinner which was a success, thanks to everyone who participated. Hostesses for the social to follow the meeting are: Mary Lou Cook and Maggie Falchek. New members are always welcomed.

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.

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

PENNSYLVANIANS FOR HUMAN LIFE: Are in need of baby cribs that are in good condition and have sides that do not go down. Call 570 826-1819 if you wish to donate.

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to the newly baptized member of our parish Lena Alicia Stanko, daughter of Michael John Stanko and Allyse Nguyen, on Sunday, February 15. May God Bless her.

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 continue its Lenten food sales on Friday, Feb 27. The specialty item of the week will be tuna pasta salad. The menu includes Manhattan clam chowder, mushroom soup, pirohy, halushki, tuna hoagies and fudge brownies, coffee, soda, bottled water on the Fridays of Lent. Sales will be held every Friday through March 27, noon to 5 p.m. Eat in or take out. 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!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Knight of Columbus will meet Tuesday, February 24, at 7 p.m. in the Church Hall. All members are encouraged to attend.

CYRENIANS: The Cyrenians will have their annual **Night at the Races on Saturday, Feb. 21.** We hope to have a wonderful night together.

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. **Easter Duty Obligation**: After they have received their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving at least once a year. The precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess their sins at least once a year but this is not limited to the Lenten-Easter Season.

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.

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, St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church and 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.

SOUP & SCRIPTURE: St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church will join Centenary United Methodist and Ashley Presbyterian for a joint Soup and Scripture time each Thursday evening during the six weeks of Lent. The Ashley Presbyterian Church will host this event. Soup is served at 6 p.m. followed by scripture.

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 Mc Govern, Gerald Mizenko, Robert Pepperling, Appi Pepperling, Florence Borkoski, Bill Galardi, John Sheeder, Jackson Chapasko and Dr. James Poulton and the faithful departed especially 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	02/23	8:00 AM	Robbie Nardone	His Loving Family
Tuesday	02/24	8:00 AM	Austin Flynn	Wife
Wednesday	02/25		No Mass	
Thursday	02/26	8:00 AM	Theodore Bunjo	Mother, Father & Sisters
Friday	02/27	8:00 AM	Katherine Lewandoski	"Nolan Girls"
Saturday	02/28	4:30 PM	John J. Nealon Sr.	Wife, Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren
Sunday	03/01	8:30 AM	John L. Boyle	Family
		11:00 AM	Robert Sipple	Bernice Gavlick & Family

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF BILL KANE BY HIS BROTHER DONALD KANE AND FAMILY.
A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY THE BELLAS FAMILY, IN MEMORY OF ELEANOR SCUBELEK BY SHARON GUARINO & FLORENCE HUDOCK AND FOR A SPECIAL INTENTION.
A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK FOR A SUCCESSFUL SURGERY FOR JACKSON CHAPASKO BY ANGIE, CAROLE AND DON.

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.

SPAGHETTI DINNER: St. Robert Bellarmine Parish Altar & Rosary Society is sponsoring its Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday Feb. 22 from 12 noon to 4 p.m. It will be held in Padden Hall (St. Aloysius School cafeteria). Tickets are $8 for adults and $4 for children 6-12. Children under 6 are free. Tickets will be sold at the door. All are welcome.

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 to our parish.

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

FOOD BANK ITEMS IN SPECIAL NEED:
Coffee, Tea, Vegetable Soup, Tuna Helper, Cereal, Pancake Mix/Syrup and Crackers.
Thank you: Thank you to all who donate to the Ashley Food Pantry. May God Bless you for your kindness and generosity.

COMMITMENT OF TREASURE	
UGI Penn Natural Gas all buildings Jan.	$2,650.64
Noble Americas Energy Solutions & PPL	$683.53
Monthly Diocesan Assessment Jan.	$2,526.50
Monthly School Subsidy Jan.	$4599.00
Self Insurance Jan.	$2,000.00
Weekly Collection for 02/15/15	**$ 4,962.10**