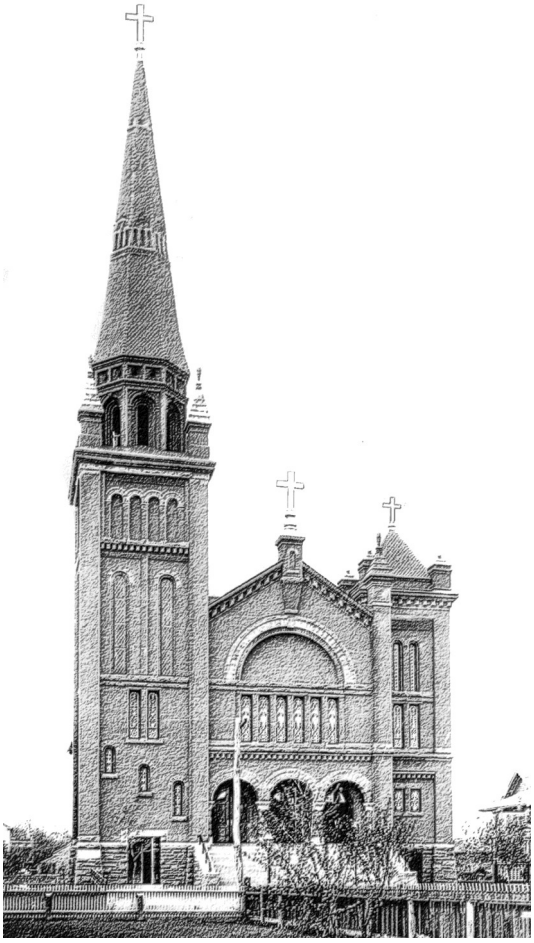

MARCH 8, 2015
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

ST. LEO'S /HOLY ROSARY PARISH

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Web Site:	**www.stleos-holyrosary.org**
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Baptism	**Call the Rectory**
Weddings	**Call the Rectory**

READINGS: (Mar. 15) 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 Ps 137: -6 Eph 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-21
God pardons and raises up those who have been unfaithful, those who have loved the darkness rather than the light. For God so loved the world that he sent his only Son to deliver the world from exile.

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.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

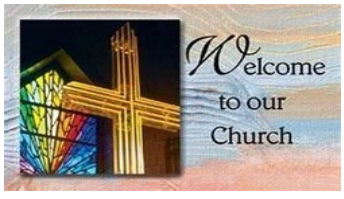
WEEKEND — Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
WEEKDAYS — 8:00 a.m. all weekdays except Wednesday
HOLY DAYS — (Vigil) 5:15 p.m., (day) 8:00 a.m., & 5:30 p.m.

VIETNAMESE MASS : There will be a Vietnamese Mass on Sunday, March 22, 2015 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.

CHILDREN'S MASS: There will be a children's Mass on Sunday, March 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. All students **including those in Catholic School** who plan to receive Confirmation on April 7, 2015, **must** attend Confirmation Preparation Classes at 9:30 a.m. in the Church every Sunday. 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.

2ND COLLECTION: There will be a 2nd collection this weekend, March 7 & 8, for the Care & 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. There will be a festival meeting on Sunday, March 8 at noon in the Education Center. 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 March 7/8 are: Sat. March 7 at 4:30 is Faye Klinges and Sun. March 8 at 8:30 is Frank Aukstakalnis and at 11:00 is Donna Ranieli. The greeters for the weekend of March 14/15 are: Sat. March 14 at 4:30 are John Walsh & Maggie Falchek. Sun. March 15 at 8:30 Children's Mass and 11:00 Mary Lou Cook.

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.

CHURCH ENVELOPES: If anyone would like envelopes please contact the rectory and we will issue envelopes for you. Thank you and God Bless you.

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: The Feast of Divine Mercy will be held at St. Maria Goretti Parish, Laflin Rd., Laflin on Sunday April 12 at 1 p.m. For more information, call Cathy Mack at 570 654-6063.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The following are the members of the St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church Pastoral Council: Nancy Walton/Chairperson, Bernadette Druby/Secretary, Michele Casey, Mary Heiser, Donald Kane, Joseph Lewandoski, Rose Murray, Beth Nealon, Trish Savitsky, Audrey Mill, Angie Chapasko, Lisa Argenziano, Lynn Cole, Abigail Truschel and Laura Snyder. There will be a meeting on Monday, March 9 at 7 p.m. in the Church hall.

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, Mar. 13**.** There will be a specialty item of the week. 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! The next meeting will be Mar. 8 after the 11 a.m. mass.

CYRENIANS: The Cyrenians have re-scheduled their annual **Night at the Races to Saturday, March 21** at the same time. They are still accepting horses for $10 and sponsors for $25. Thank you. The next meeting will be March 15 at 7 p.m. Bonnie Lazar and Mary Engle will be hostesses.

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: 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.

WASHING THE FEET: Those who would like to volunteer (can be an entire family or children) to have your feet washed on Holy Thursday, April 2 at the 7:00 p.m. Mass, please contact Fr. Dang or call the Rectory at 570 825-6669 as soon as possible. Thank you and God Bless you.

FIRST CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE: to be held Saturday, April 25, at King's College, Scandlon Physical Education Center, 149 N. Main St., W-B. To register, pick up an application at the church office or on line at http://www.dioceseofscranton.org. (From the top menu choose "Parish Life and Mass Times" and then "Catholic Men's Conference") The event will feature two nationally known speakers: Fr. Larry Richards author of "Be A Man" & Damon Owens from the Theology of the Body Institute.

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, Dr. James Poulton, Carla Schlegel, Jackson Chapasko and Hollie Okuniewski-Santay 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	03/09	8:00 AM	Leona J. Bunjo	Judy Lee
Tuesday	03/10	8:00 AM	Mary Harcarik	Mr. & Mrs. Francis Bekampis
Wednesday	03/11		No Mass	
Thursday	03/12	8:00 AM	Eleanor Scubelek	Sharon Guarino & Florence Hudock
Friday	03/13	8:00 AM	Ralph Henry	June Walsh
Saturday	03/14	4:30 PM	Vera Spaar	Daughter Frances Gutosky & Family
Sunday	03/15	8:30 AM	Elizabeth Taggart	Family
		11:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF DEBBIE KUS BY MOM & DAD.
A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF MARION NEALON BY FAMILY, IN MEMORY OF PATRICIA YANORA BY COUSIN DONNA PILCH-MYERS & FAMILY, IN MEMORY OF REV. JOHN SAMSON BY BERNADETTE DRUBY, IN MEMORY OF MARY SULLIVAN BY MARGARET AND MARIJO ZELINKA, IN MEMORY OF EDWARD HAGGERTY BY MARY ENGLE, IN MEMORY OF MARY YENCHIK BY HER SISTERS AND FAMILY, IN MEMORY OF DONNA CASEY BY HER HUSBAND, CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN AND IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY THE BELLAS FAMILY,
A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF IRENE DRAZBA BY HUSBAND & DAUGHTER ; IN MEMORY OF EDMUND KRZYWICKI BY SISTER MARY LOU LOUGHNANE.

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.

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.

ROSARY RALLY: There will be a Rosary Rally at Our Lady of Fatima Grotto on North Street on Sat. March 21 at noon. For information call (570) 846-7684.

HAM & CABBAGE DINNER: Holy Family Parish in Sugar Notch will hold the annual Ham & Cabbage dinner on Sat. March 14 in the Church hall. Dinner will be served from 4 to 7 p.m. and take outs will be available from 3 p.m. For information call the rectory at (570) 822-8983.

PIGGIE DINNER: A Piggie Dinner will be held at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in the St. Aloysius Hall on Sat., March 14 from 5 to 7 p.m. and Sun., March 15 from 12 to 4 p.m. Cost is $9.00. Children accompanied by adult eat free from Children's menu—Hamburg/Hot Dog and chips.

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.

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

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 3/01/15	**$5,324.00**