HOLY YEAR OF MERCY
12/8/2015 -11/12/2016

DECEMBER 13, 2015
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. LEO'S/HOLY ROSARY PARISH

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

READINGS: (Dec. 20) Mi 5:1-4a Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45
From Bethlehem shall come one who will rule Israel. Born of Mary, the servant of the Lord, he will protect and save us offering himself once and for all in doing the Father's will.

From the heart of the Trinity, from the depths of the mystery of God, the great river of mercy wells up and overflows unceasingly. It is a spring that will never run dry, no matter how many people draw from it. Every time someone is in need, he or she can approach it, because the mercy of God never ends. — Pope Francis

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 13, 2015 at 2 p.m. All are welcome!

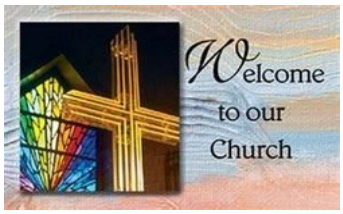
CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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. & 5:30 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

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

CHILDREN'S MASS: There will be a Children's Mass on Sunday, December 20 at 8:30 a.m. Following mass we will have our annual Christmas Party will be held in the church hall. Please bring your children to attend and participate in the Mass and the Christmas Party. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE: First Penance will be celebrated on **Saturday, January 23, 2016 at 11 a.m**. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on **Saturday, May 7, 2016 at 11 a.m**. Please save these important dates in your calendars. Thank you.

SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN: Please lookout for the safety of our children especially as they are dismissed from CCD class at 10:30 a.m. when you may be arriving for 11:00 a.m. Mass. Thank you.

CHURCH CLEANING: Cleaning of the Church for Christmas will be Wed., Dec 16 at 9:00 a.m. Please come if you are able to help. Thank you and God Bless for your faithful service to our church.

GREETERS: The greeter for Sat., Dec. 12 at 4:30 p.m. is Dorothy Hess and for Sun., Dec. 13 at 8:30 a.m. are Mary Kay Gavlick and Alyssa Gayewski and for 11:00 a.m. is Rose Wallace. The greeter for Sat., Dec. 19 at 4:30 p.m. is Ann Drazba and for Sun., Dec 20 at 8:30 a.m. are CCD Children and at 11:00 is Mary Lou Cook. Thank you for your faithful service to our parish.

YOUTH GROUP: The Youth Group is sponsoring a Toy Raffle/Silent Auction. Drawing will take place after 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Dec. 13. Tickets are $2.00 each or 3/$5.00. All proceeds to help fund our community project. Thank you for all your support!!

PARISH GIVING TREE: The Parish Giving Tree has been placed in the Sanctuary. Please take a tag and provide a gift for the child listed on the tag. All gifts should be placed UNWRAPPED, with the gift tag taped on, in front of the Giving Tree by Sunday, December 20. Children of our parish will be the first served by this project. Additionally, if you know of anyone who could benefit from this project, please call the Rectory from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Finally, as is our yearly custom, there will be tags on the tree for adult items to benefit the homeless. Please be generous. Thank you and God Bless you always.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE: There will be an Advent Penance Service at St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church on Sunday, December 13 at 4 p.m. Please come.

2016 CALENDARS: The calendars are available in the rear of the church. Feel free to help yourselves. We would like to thank George Strish, Inc. and Lehman Family Funeral Service, Inc. for sponsoring our calendar this year. May God Bless them for their generosity.

THANK YOU: Thank you for your generosity to the 2nd collection last weekend for Care and Education of Priests. God Bless you always.

THANK YOU: A special thanks to our choir members' dedication and effort for our Christmas Concert last week. Especially we thank Mr. Bob Passetti, Director of Music Ministry. May God bless you always.

2ND COLLECTION: There will be a 2nd collection this weekend, Dec, 12/13, for the Retirement Fund for the Religious and Diocesan Priests. Please be generous. Thank you and God Bless.

TAX STATEMENT: In compliance with the IRS regulations, all donations to be credited for 2015 must be in the office by December 26th or in the collection basket the weekend of December 26/27. **Itemized statements of contributions for tax purposes will be issued to any parishioner requesting one.**

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to the newly baptized members of our parish Anthony Michael Jankowski , son of Lenny and Lindsay Jankowski, and Molly Grace Kalish, daughter of Brian and Amanda Kalish on Sunday, December 6. May God Bless them.

2016 CHURCH ENVELOPES: Very shortly you should be **receiving your new church envelopes in the mail. You will receive them monthly.** If you do not receive your envelopes before Christmas, and you want envelopes, please call the Rectory at (570) 825-6669 during regular business hours. Thank you.

ASHLEY LIONS CLUB CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY: The Ashley Lion's Club will host a Children's Christmas Party on Sat., Dec. 19 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in St. Leo's Church Hall. Food and drinks will be provided. Santa will be present and all children will receive a gift. For information, contact the Lion's Club.

FREE LIGHTS: There are free fluorescent light fixtures available on a first come basis to anyone who wants them. Please see Father after Mass. Thank you.

PARISH PROJECTS:

PROJECT COMMITTEE: Committee members include: Tom Hooper, Don Kane, Paul Golias, John Gabla, Michael Yasenchak, Ray Clarke and Todd Argenziano. If you have any questions, please call the rectory or any committee member. If you are interested in joining the committee, please see Father Vinnie. Thank you.

Dear Parishioners:

As we wind down on repair and renovation work for 2015, we thank everyone for prayers, donations and your patience during the projects. In 2016 projects will be the replacement of the air conditioner project, rehabilitation or replacement of the east steel steps and construction of the St. Joseph grotto.

All work, completed and planned, is being made possible by donations from church organizations and you, the parishioners and friends of St. Leo's/Holy Rosary. Again, thank you! Let us join hands together to do God's work. May God's love and blessings be with you always. Father Vinnie, Finance Committee and Projects Subcommittee

DECORATING THE CHURCH: We will decorate the church on Saturday. December 19 at 9 a.m. for the Christmas celebration. If you are available to help, please come. Thank you.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: The Holy Name Society will meet on Sunday, December 13 in the Church Hall following the 11 a.m. Mass. All men of the parish are welcome.

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 we can publish the names of those who donated. Thank you and God Bless.

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 this Christmas. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS MASSES: Thursday, Christmas Eve, December 24th at 4 p.m. and 10 p.m. and Friday, Christmas Day, December 25th at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Please come. 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: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion 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 an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion bring the Lord Jesus to them. Anyone wishing to receive Communion may call the rectory, (570) 825-6669 or Toni Riscavage, (570) 868-8215 or Paul Golias, (570) 829-6251.

HOSPITAL/HOME VISITS: If you or a love one are hospitalized or homebound and wish a visit from Father Dang, please notify the rectory (570) 825-6669. Father Dang wants to make sure that his parishioners are visited and blessed when they are ill. He will be happy to hear confessions when requested. Thank you.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Please pray for Jared and Debbie Bellas, John Lucas, Lois O'Hara, Flavia Pollick, Florence Ryder, Ron Warke, Robert Cronauer, Joseph Nealon Sr., Lorraine Shinko, Dane McSparron, Mary Golias, Eileen Aukstakalnis, Lila 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, Jean Wiernusz, Karen Hannis, Leonard Kelly, James Curry and Richard Curry, Ann Fedak, Amanda Braley, Robert Pepperling, Appi Pepperling, Dr. James Poulton, Carla Schlegel, Jackson Chapasko, Faye Klinges, Margaret Sipple, Robert Bozek, Jackie McGovern, Sharon Nagy, Christopher Fee, Dottie Grivner, Karen Spagnola, Leah Cronauer, Bonnie Turchin, Maryann Lavan, Richard Reed, Jesse Mendoza, Mary Benson, Sophie DeLuca, Florence Borkowski, Anna Lorraine Merlie, Billy Shemanski 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 the rectory at (570) 825-6669.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	12/14	8:00 AM	Charlotte Benio	Charlotte L. Androckitis
Tuesday	12/15	8:00 AM	Elvira L. Gagliardi	Michael, Melinda & Lucas Galli
Wednesday	12/16	8:00 AM	No Mass	
Thursday	12/17	8:00 AM	Margaret Popadick	Dr. Ann L. Bogard
Friday	12/18	8:00 AM	Mary Theresa Mullin	Jim Mullin & Family
Saturday	12/19	4:30 PM	Anna Gabla	Children
Sunday	12/20	8:30 AM	For Our Parishioners	
		11:00 AM	Andrew & Anna Krupa	George & Rose Mary Strish

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF BERNARD MAKOWSKI BY COLLEEN NEALON CALENTI; IN MEMORY OF CHESTER & JOSEPHINE RYGIELSKI BY THE DOBRANSKI FAMILY AND IN MEMORY OF MARY HUDAK BY FAMILY.
A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY THE BELLAS FAMILY AND IN MEMORY OF BEV GLENNON BY JACK & SUSAN MERGO.
A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN LOVING MEMORY OF BILL GALARDI BY WIFE, NANCY AND IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL GLENNON BY JACK & SUSAN MERGO.

CANDLES: There are still Sanctuary, Blessed Mother and Sacred Heart Candles available for 2015 and 2016. If you would like to dedicate a candle for someone, please call the rectory at (570) 825-6669.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: Our Parish Goal is $38,000.00. So far we have donated $21,931.00. Thank you to those who have already donated. May God Bless you for your kindness and generosity.

COOKIE SALE: The Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society Christmas Cookie sale is the week-end of Dec. 12 & 13 before and after all masses. Members and parishioners are encouraged to bake their favorite Christmas Cookies for the sale. Please pack the cookies in baggies in sets of 6 or 12 per bag and mark the bag with the type of cookie you are donating. Drop off Dec. 12 before the week-end masses. Workers for the cookie sale are Dec. 12, 4:30 p.m. Mass: Maggie Falcheck, Mary Lou Cook, Toni & George Riscavage, Jane Clarke and Rosemary Strish; Dec. 13, 8:30 a.m. Mass: Mary Carol Gabla, Nancy Walton, Beth Nealon & Rose Mary Strish; 11:00 a.m. Mass: Mary Francis Heiser, Donna Ranielli, Rose & Nina Deno, Bonnie Lazar & Rose Mary Strish. Thank you.

WAFER SALE: Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society Wafer Sale continues through Dec. 20 before and after week-end masses. Donations are always appreciated.

SHUT-INS: Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society and Holy Name Society annually light candles for Shut-ins of our parish and send them a Christmas card. If you know of a parishioner who is in a nursing home or confined at home, please inform Rosemary Strish (570) 825-3681 or the rectory (570) 825-6669.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD/2016 NEW YEAR'S DAY: With the coming of the Lord Jesus, God has bless 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 this 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 Thursday, Dec. 31, New Year's Eve Mass will be 4:30 p.m. and on Friday, Jan. 1, New Year's Day masses will be 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.** Please come to offer the New Year in God's providence.

THANK YOU: A special thank you to Jerry Schlude, Bob Gorski and Bob Kerestes, Jr. for installing the exit and emergency lighting in the Church Hall. May God Bless you for your faithful service to our parish.

ASHLEY FOOD PANTRY

Items in special need: Cereal, Crackers, Peanut Butter, Soup, Jelly, Canned Fruit, Tea, Coffee and Hot Chocolate.

Thank you: Thank you to all who have donated. 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 12/06/15	**$6,071.96**
Care & Education of Priests	**$654.00**