**DECEMBER 27, 2015**
**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

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

# 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** |
| **Administrative Asst:** | **Marianne Baseski** |
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| **Baptism** | **Call the Rectory** |
| **Weddings** | **Call the Rectory** |

**READINGS**: (Jan. 3) Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12
All nations are invited to sing the Lord's praises for they have been called to hear the good news and worship the long awaited Messiah and King with the gift of their lives.

*Have a Blessed Healthy, and Happy New Year!*

**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 17, 2016 at 2 p.m. All are welcome!

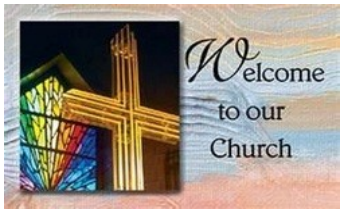
## CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

**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, Jan. 31 at 8:30 a.m. Please bring your children to attend and participate in the Mass. Thank you.

**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 Michele Casey at (570)760-9793. Deadline is January 3, 2016. 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.

**NO CCD:** There will be no CCD classes on Sunday, Dec. 27 and Jan. 3. Classes will resume on Sunday, Jan. 10.

**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.

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH:** The Christmas Season is about celebrating "God is with us". We are opening ourselves to God's faithful presence and having confidence in God's care and protection is what leads to holiness. The good news is simply being human, being part of God's family. May God help us to live as the Holy Family, united in respect and love so that we live together in peace, joy and happiness.

**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.

**GREETERS:** The greeter for Sat., Dec. 26 at 4:30 p.m. is Catherine Smith and for Sun., Dec. 27 at 8:30 a.m. are Mary Carol & John Gabla and for 11:00 a.m. is Donna Ranieli. The greeter for Sat., Jan. 2 at 4:30 p.m. is Maggie Falchek and for Sun., Jan. 3 at 8:30 a.m. are Angie & Jackson Chapasko and for 11:00 a.m. is Marianne Shulo. Thank you.

**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.**

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

**OFFICE CLOSED:** The office will be closed Thursday, December 31 and Friday, January 1.

**ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN'S SOCIETY:** The Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society wishes to thank all those who participated in the Christmas Wafer/Oplatki Sale. We hope you enjoyed sharing your wafers with family and friends as you offered good wishes to each other. We appreciate you keeping our tradition alive. Thank you for your donations and your support and we wish you a Happy & Blessed New Year. We are asking all members to attend our next meeting on Sun., Jan. 3 at 2 p.m. in the Church Hall to make final preparations for our "Piggie Dinner" which will be held January 17 from 12 to 3 p.m. in the Church Hall. Hostesses for the social after the meeting will be Bonnie Lazar and Maureen Beckley. New members are always welcomed.

Tickets will be sold before and after all weekend masses beginning Jan. 2. Workers are: Jan. 2, 4:30 p.m. Maggie Falchek; Jan. 3, 8:30 a.m. Mary Lou Cook; 11 a.m. Rose Wallace and Maureen Beckley; Jan. 9, 4:30 p.m. Bonnie Lazar; Jan. 10, 8:30 a.m. Mary Carol Gabla; 11 a.m. Marianne Shulo; Jan. 16, 4:30 p.m. Toni & George Riscavage; Jan. 17, 8:30 a.m. Rose Mary Strish and 11 a.m. Mary Frances Heiser.

**THANK YOU:** Father Dang would like to thank all who made Christmas At St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church a glorious celebration. He also wishes to express his heartfelt thanks to all who sent cards and gifts for Christmas. May God bless you with gifts of good health, peace and happiness!

**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. They are $5.00 each. For more information please contact Christine Casey at (570) 825-5293.

**ANNUAL SMOKER:** The Holy Name Society's annual smoker (non-smoking, of course) is set for Sunday, Jan. 10 at 2 p.m. in the Church Hall and all men of the parish are invited! This is a great time to socialize, enjoy good food and watch some playoff football. No obligations...just join a relaxing afternoon.

**CHILI, CHOWDER, & SOUP CONTEST:** The Hanover Area Student Council & JSC are sponsoring the contest to benefit the Ashley Food Bank. It will be held Sunday, Jan. 10 from noon to 2:00 p.m. at the Hanover Area Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria. Adults: $5.00; Children (6-12) $3.00 and under 5 is free. Deadline to enter a soup is Tuesday, Jan. 5. Applications available at http://www.hanoverarea.org; at the main office, or by calling 831-2300, ext. 229.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to those who donated Giving Tree Gifts. We had an overwhelming response and were able to share with the less fortunate in our community who have been blessed by your giving and love. A special thanks to those that sorted and distributed the gifts. A job well done! God Bless you always.

**THANK YOU**: Thank you to all who came to clean and decorate our church for the Christmas celebration. You have done a marvelous job. May God Bless you always.

**THANK YOU:** Thanks to all who made Christmas at St. Leo's/Holy Rosary a wonderful celebration: The Ministers of Liturgy and Music, (altar servers, ushers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, cantors, lectors, adult choir, children's choir, the instrumentalists); all who contributed generously to the Christmas collection and Christmas flower collection; visitors from far and near. May God Bless you always.

**THANK YOU:** A very special Thank you to our Altar Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Cantors, Choir Members, Greeters, Ushers, Members of the Councils, CCD Teachers, our Parish Project Committee, Youth Group, all our Societies, Ashley Food Pantry volunteers, and all the Volunteers of our Parish who made our parish vibrant and alive throughout the year 2015. May God reward you for your devotion to serve our parish. In 2016 we are on a journey of the Holy Year of Mercy, let us join hands together to do God's work.

**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, 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 especially Joseph Murray 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

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| Monday | 12/28 | 8:00 AM | William Hughes | Hughes Family |
| Tuesday | 12/29 | 8:00 AM | James & Adelene Yourren | |
| Wednesday | 12/30 | 8:00 AM | No Mass | |
| Thursday | 12/31 | 8:00 AM | Davey & Raymi Zabofski | Family |
| Vigil | | 4:30 PM | In Thanksgiving for God's Blessings | Lance & Marianne Baseski |
| Friday | 01/01 | 8:30 AM | For Our Parishioners | |
| New Year's Day | | 11:00 AM | Kay Lewandoski | Husband & Family |
| Saturday | 01/02 | 4:30 PM | For Our Parishioners | |
| Sunday | 01/03 | 8:30 AM | John & Virginia Helfrich | George & Nancy Lehman |
| | | 11:00 AM | Rita Emery | Family |

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF THOMAS M. HART, SR. BY JO HART & FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF TED MCGOVERN BY SISTER, FRAN MCGOVERN POLANIN; IN MEMORY OF FRANCIS CORCORAN BY FRANCES GUTOSKY AND IN MEMORY OF MATILDA NARDONE & ROBBIE NARDONE BY THEIR LOVING
FAMILY.

A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF CATHERINE AND BONAVENTURE LOMBARDELLI BY BERNADETTE DRUBY; IN MEMORY OF PATRICIA AND LEO DRUBY BY BERNADETTE DRUBY; IN MEMORY OF PEGGY MARASKI BY MS. MARYANN EWASKO; IN MEMORY OF DOROTHY M. HENEHAN BY DENNIS CARLIN; IN MEMORY OF MARY HUDAK BY FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE STRISH AND KRUPA FAMILIES BY FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY THE BELLAS FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL & JOSEPHINE KENDRA BY MARY & CARL BOZINKO; FOR SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR CARL BOZINKO BY FAMILY AND IN MEMORY OF HAROLD J. HANNON BY MARGARET E. HANNON.

A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN LOVING MEMORY OF BILL GALARDI BY WIFE, NANCY; IN THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS; IN MEMORY OF ELIZABETH TAGGART BY FAMILY AND IN MEMORY OF
CHRISTOPHER O'DONNELL BY GWEN & ROB O'DONNELL.

**DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL:** Our Parish Goal is $38,000.00. So far we have donated $23,841.00. Thank you to those who have already donated. May God Bless you for your kindness and generosity.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to all those who donate food, money or time to the Food Pantry. May God bless you for your kindness, generosity and love.

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

**CHOIR: Adult Choir practice is from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday Evenings.** Thank you and God Bless you always. Any questions please call Bob Passetti at (570) 814-1747.

**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.

**HOLY NAME:** The Holy Name Society will meet on Sunday, Jan. 10 at 2 p.m. in the church hall. Immediately after the meeting they will hold their annual smoker. All members are encouraged to attend.

**THE EPIPHANY BLESSING:** The Epiphany house blessing will be available in front of the manger in St. Leo's/ Holy Rosary Church.

**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 | |
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| *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 12/20/15** | **$7,475.02** |