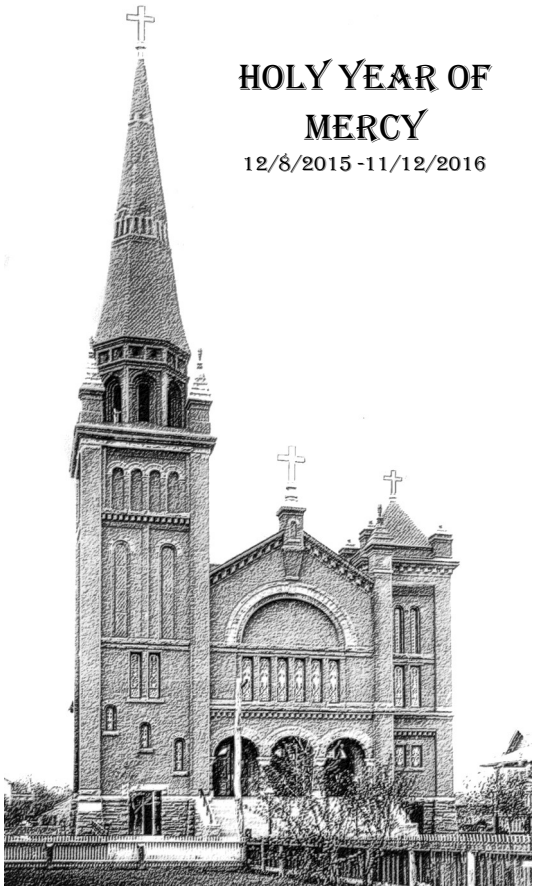
FEBRUARY 28, 2016
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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

READINGS: (Mar. 6) Jos 5:9a, 10-12 Ps 34:2-7 2cOR 5:17-21 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Having arrived in the promised land, the Hebrews celebrated their deliverance from affliction and distress in the Passover. Christ, our passover, has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation; let us forgive one another and celebrate the unconditional and abundant love of God our Father.

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.

VIETNAMESE MASS: There will be a Vietnamese Mass on Sunday, March 13, 2016 at 2 p.m. All are welcome!

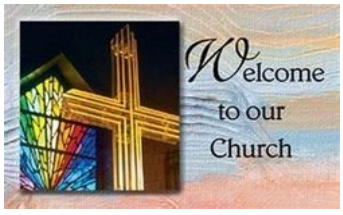
CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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, Feb. 28 at 8:30 a.m. Please bring your children to attend and participate in the Mass. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE: First Holy Communion will be celebrated on **Saturday, May 7, 2016 at 11 a.m**. Please save this important date 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.

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 Good Friday.

Abstinence: Catholics age 14 and older abstain from meat on Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Easter Duty Obligation: Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year and are also bound to confess their sins at least once a year.

WASHING THE FEET: Those who would like to volunteer (can be an entire family, children or members of Lay Ministry) to have your feet washed on Holy Thursday, March 24 at the 7:00 p.m. Mass, please contact Father Dang or call the Rectory at (570) 825-6669 as soon as possible. Thank you and God Bless you.

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 Father 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 return to God's grace, mercy and healing.

2016 SUMMER FESTIVAL: St. Leo's/Holy Rosary's Summer Festival is scheduled for **June 23 - 25, 2016**. A list of this year's stands will be announced shortly so parishioners can donate prizes. Monetary donations are welcome if parishioners are unable to do the shopping but would like to contribute. Let us join hands together to do God's work. Thank you and God Bless you always.

GREETERS: The greeter for Sat., Feb. 27 at 4:30 p.m. is Theresa Kane and for Sun., Feb. 28 at 8:30 a.m. are CCD Children and at 11:00 a.m. is Catherine Smith. The greeters for Sat., March 5 at 4:30 p.m. are Dorothy Hess and Maggie Falchek and for Sun., March 6 at 8:30 a.m. are Angie and Jackson Chapasko and for 11:00 a.m. is Marianne Shulo. Thank you for your faithful service to our parish.

ALTAR SERVERS: Altar servers will meet Sat., March 5 at 9 a.m. in the Church. Parents are welcome to sit in. Plan on a one-hour meeting. New servers will be trained and all servers will prepare for Holy Week. Youngsters who have received First Communion are eligible to serve. Please consider this wonderful service at the altar of the Lord. In event of a funeral, the meeting will be March 12. For more info, call Paul Golias at (570) 829-6251. Thank you and God Bless you.

CYRENIANS: The Cyrenians will host "**A Night At The Races**" Sat., April 2 in the church hall. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. Food is served at 6 p.m. Post time is 7 p.m. Admission is $5.00. To purchase a horse or sponsor a race, please call the Rectory (570) 825-6669 or Jackie Lehman (570) 823-6633. You must be 21 years of age to attend. They will be selling horses before and after all Masses starting the weekend of March 5/6. March 5 at 4:30 p.m. - Anne Marie Lehman & Flossie Jablowski; March 6 at 11:00 a.m. Bonnie Lazar. March 12 at 4:30 p.m. - Helen Rice & Charlotte Neupauer; March 13 at 11:00 a.m. - Theresa Yedlock; March 19 at 4:30 p.m. Helen Rice & Charlotte Neupauer; and March 20 at 8:30 a.m. - Jackie Lehman.

THANK YOU: The Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society made a $3000 donation to the Church due to the generous support from parishioners and friends of the parish to their fundraisers. The money was used to pay for the new brass hand rail and carpeting from the inside church hall steps to the Church and some of the money was used towards the new floor in the Sacristy. We have been truly blessed and thank them for their dedication to St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church. May God Bless them.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY LENTEN FOOD SALES: The Holy Name Society will continue its Lenten food sales on Fridays during Lent, noon - 5 p.m. Orders for quarts of potato pancake batter must be called into the Rectory (570) 825-6669 before 10 a.m. on Thursdays. The specialty item March 4 is Spanish Rice. The menu includes Manhattan clam chowder, mushroom soup, pirohy, halushki, tuna hoagies and fudge brownies, coffee, soda, bottled water. Eat in or take out.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY HAM & KIELBASA BINGO: The bingo will be Sun., March 13 starting at 1 p.m. in the church hall. The kitchen will be open! Thank you for your support and patronage!

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.

LIVING STATIONS: Living Stations Practice Schedule: Sun., Feb. 28, all Apostles (anyone who wants to be an Apostle can come to this practice); Mon., Feb. 29, Jesus/Soldiers/Mary/Mary M and John. Additional practices will be posted in upcoming bulletins, we need to work around some cast members' work schedules. Thank you for your support. Any questions call Lynn Cole at (570) 817-3815 and PLEASE leave your name and number.

ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN'S SOCIETY: A meeting for the Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society will be held on Feb. 28, at 2 p.m. in the church hall. All members are encouraged to attend. We will have the election of officers and the final "Piggy" report will be given. We will also discuss our upcoming "TEA" on April 17th. A social will follow the meeting hosted by Mary Lou Cook and Maggie Falchek. New members are always welcomed.

CYRENIANS: SEDER SUPPER: On Wed., March 23 the Cyrenians will be having their annual Covered Dish "Seder Supper". Anyone wishing to attend, please call the church or Jackie Lehman at (570) 823-6633 and give your name, how many are attending and what you will bring. It is a covered dish supper and no desserts are requested but you will need to bring your own juice, soda, water or wine for your attendees.

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to the newly baptized member of our parish Gabriella Illiano, daughter of Raimondo and Emily Illiano, on Sunday, Feb. 21. May God Bless them.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a 2nd collection this weekend Feb. 27/28 for Diocesan Annual Appeal. Please be generous. God Bless you always.

DAY OF REFLECTION: Year of Mercy Day of Reflection with Deacon Gary Pstrak will be held this Sun., Feb 28 from 12 - 4 p.m. at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish 143 W. Division St. Wilkes Barre.

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 Debbie Milford, (570) 829-5356.

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, 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, Mary Lou Kelly, Carl Bozinko, Mary Grace Gavlick, Mary Krupa, Theresa Woydzick and Ruth Kackauskas and the faithful departed especially Julia Masher and George Taggart, Sr. 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	02/29	8:00 AM	Robert Sipple	Jen, Ed & Lynn Kastreva
Tuesday	03/01	8:00 AM	Catherine & Bonaventure Lombardelli	Bernadette Druby
Wednesday	03/02	8:00 AM	No Mass	
Thursday	03/03	8:00 AM	Joseph A. Murray	Kathy Mitchell
Friday	03/04	8:00 AM	John Paul Engleman, Sr.	Theresa Evans
		6:00 PM	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday	03/05	4:30 PM	Debbie Kus	Mom & Dad
Sunday	03/06	8:30 AM	For Our Parishioners	
		11:00 AM	Vera Spaar	Frances Gutosky, daughter

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF ELIZABETH HENICHEK BY THE FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF BETTY LEWIS BY SUSAN & JACK MERGO AND BETTY JO LEWIS AND IN MEMORY OF ANDREW
DOBRANSKI BY THE FAMILY.
A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF CONNIE YEDLOCK BY THE FAMILY AND IN MEMORY OF PAULINE KUROVSKI BY PAUL & ELAINE GOLIAS.
A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN LOVING MEMORY OF BILL GALARDI BY WIFE NANCY & SONS.

CANDLES: There are still Sanctuary, Blessed Mother and Sacred Heart Candles available for 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 $24,203.00. Thank you to those who have already donated. May God Bless you for your kindness and generosity.

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

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.

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

BREAKFAST: St. Robert Bellarmine will hold a breakfast Sun., March 6 in the school cafeteria from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. $8/adults, $4/children under age12 and under age 4/free. Breakfast includes: pancakes, bacon, eggs, sausage, sausage gravy, home fries, toast, juice, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. Come join in fellowship.

2016 2nd ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE "BE A MAN: JESUS CHRIST, THE TRUE FACE OF MANHOOD": Will be held Sat., April 23 at King's College Scandlon Physical Education Center 149 N. Main St. Wilkes-Barre. Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary 6:00 a.m.; Registration/Continental Breakfast 7:00 a.m. and Conference 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Register on line at www.BeAManConference.com or mail completed application with check to Attn: Men's Conference, Office for Parish Life, 330 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, PA 18503.

ASHLEY FOOD PANTRY: In the spirit of the Lenten season, we are asking parishioners to consider donating something different each week of Lent - Mar. 6: Cereal; Mar. 13: Canned Fruit; Mar. 20: Tuna Fish. Thank you for your support. May God Bless you.

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

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 02/21/16	**$6,725.36**