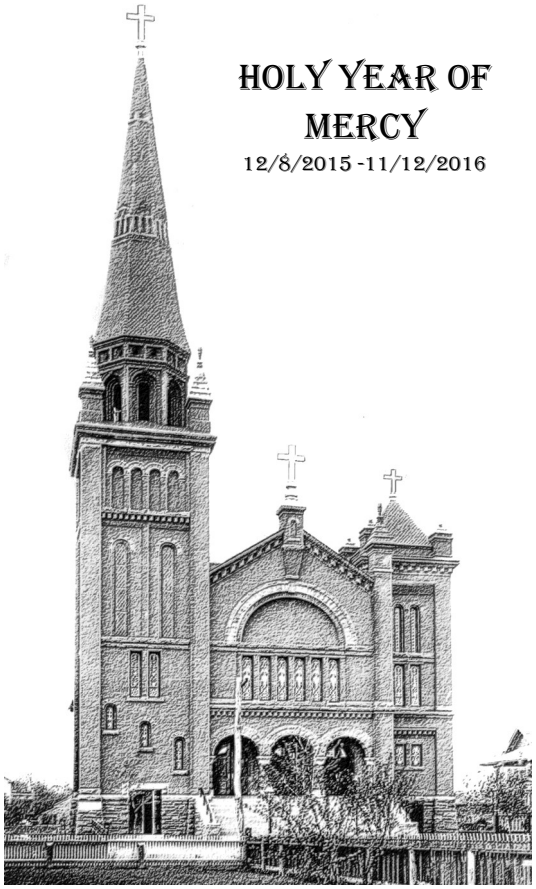
MARCH 6, 2016
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



ST. LEO'S/HOLY ROSARY PARISH

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READINGS: (Mar. 13) Is 43:16-21 Ps 126:1-6 Phil 3:8-14 Jn 8:1-11
To the exiles in Babylon, Isaiah foretells a new exodus, when the Lord will lead his people from captivity to freedom. True freedom is rooted in the person of Jesus, not is observance of the Law. It is he who challenges us to examine our own hearts before self-righteously judging others.

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

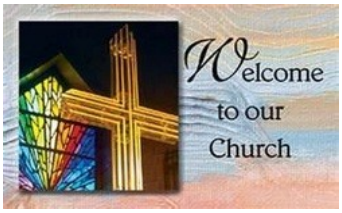
WEEKEND — Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
WEEKDAYS — 8:00 a.m. all weekdays except Wednesday
HOLY DAYS — (Vigil) 5:15 p.m., (Day) 8:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

VIETNAMESE MASS: There will be a Vietnamese Mass on Sunday, March 13, 2016 at 2 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 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, March 13 at 8:30 a.m. Please bring your children to attend and participate in the Mass. Thank you.

THANK YOU: A special thank you to those who participated in the Children's Mass on Sunday. May God Bless you always.

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: There will be confession on Monday, March 7, 14, & 21 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church. Please come and return to God's grace, mercy and healing. Thank you.

2016 SUMMER FESTIVAL: St. Leo's/Holy Rosary's Summer Festival is scheduled for **June 23 - 25, 2016**. A meeting to plan the 2016 summer festival will be held Thurs., March 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall. Anyone who would like to help with the planning is asked to attend. Thank you and God Bless you always.

SUMMER FESTIVAL PIEROGIES: In preparation to make the pierogies for the festival the following items are needed: Gold Medal flour, cooper cheese and butter. Please do not substitute any other flour or cheese. We have found over the years there items make the best pierogies. There will be boxes marked in the back of the Church for donations or they can be dropped off at the Rectory, Monday - Friday during business hours 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Thank you and God Bless you.

GREETERS: 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. The greeter for Sat., March 12 at 4:30 p.m. is Ellen Davis and for Sun., March 13 at 8:30 a.m. is the Children's Mass and for 11:00 a.m. is Bonnie Lazar. Thank you for your faithful service to our parish.

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.

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: The Feast of Divine Mercy will be held at St. Maria Goretti Parish, Laflin Rd., Laflin on Sun., April 3 beginning at 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. This year's theme is "Mercy". Fr. Pio Mandato, Franciscan priest will be the principal celebrant and homilist. For more information, call Cathy Mack at (570) 654-6063.

CHRISM MASS: All the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are invited to attend the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

PARKING: Please do not park on the front sidewalk of the church. This is a no-parking zone. We hope to prevent damage to the sidewalk that was replaced last year. Your cooperation is deeply appreciated! Thank you and God Bless you.

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 11 is Pizza. 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: Every Monday at 6 p.m. 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.

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 and you will need to bring your own juice, soda, water or wine for your attendees.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The Knights of Columbus will meet Tuesday, March 8 at 7 p.m. in the Church Hall. All members are urged to attend.

THANK YOU: Thank you for your generosity to the 2nd collection last weekend for The Diocesan Appeal. May God Bless you always.

2ND COLLECTION: There will be a 2nd collection this weekend March 5/6 for Care and Education of Priests. Please be generous. God Bless you always.

HAM & CABBAGE DINNER: Holy Family Parish, Sugar Notch, will host their annual ham & cabbage dinner on Sat., March 12 in the church hall from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. For more info please call the rectory at (570) 822-8983.

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 Church 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, Ruth Kackauskas and Maureen Latzman and the faithful departed especially Joseph Galardi and John Slabinski 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	03/07	8:00 AM	Gertrude Zyskowski	Debra & Muriel Perugino
Tuesday	03/08	8:00 AM	Stan Kolenda	Len Geffert
Wednesday	03/09	8:00 AM	No Mass	
Thursday	03/10	8:00 AM	Harry Wolovich	Mariann Paddock
Friday	03/11	8:00 AM	Scott & Robert Mitchell	Family
		6:00 PM	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday	03/12	4:30 PM	Edward & Edna Madrak	Lance & Marianne Baseski
Sunday	03/13	8:30 AM	For Our Parishioners	
		11:00 AM	George & Theresa Kerick	The George Rossick Family
		2:00 PM	Vietnamese Mass	

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK FOR HEALTH & GOD'S BLESSINGS; IN LOVING MEMORY OF BILL GALARDI BY WIFE NANCY & SONS AND IN MEMORY OF ROBERT MARASKI BY BARB & TOM TURINSKI.

A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK FOR SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR LISA MARIE DESCHAK-STANISCE BY HER FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF REV. JOHN SAMSON BY BERNADETTE DRUBY AND IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY MOM, DAD, CASEY & JARED.

A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF THOMAS M. HART, SR., BY JO HART & FAMILY; SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR HEALING OF JOE LEWANDOSKI BY EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION; SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR HEALING OF RICHARD WALTON BY GEORGE & TONI RISCAVAGE AND IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH GALARDI BY NANCY GALARDI & 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.

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.

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

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.

NOVENA & FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH: The Oblate of St. Joseph Fathers will hold their annual Novena in honor of St. Joseph beginning Thursday, March 10 until the Feast Day, March 19. Masses will be celebrated every day at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, Route 315, Laflin. Following Mass, Novena prayers will be offered to St. Joseph with the blessing of relic of St. Joseph Marello. The Feast Day will be celebrated on Sat., March 19 at 10:30 a.m. Please come and present to St. Joseph your special needs.

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 02/28/16	**$6,171.77**
Second Collection for Diocesan Appeal	**$234.05**