APRIL 24, 2016
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

ST. LEO'S/HOLY ROSARY PARISH

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

READINGS: (May 1) Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Rv 21:10-14, 22-23 Jn 14:23-29
By listening attentively to the Spirit promised by Jesus, the early Church resolves the question whether Gentile converts need to observe certain Jewish ritual practices. All are called to dwell in the heavenly Jerusalem, founded on the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

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

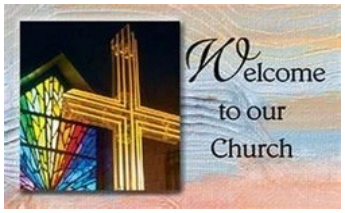
WEEKEND — Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
WEEKDAYS — 8:00 a.m. all weekdays except Wednesday
HOLY DAYS — (Vigil) 5:15 p.m., (Day) 8:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

VIETNAMESE MASS: There will be a Vietnamese Mass on Sunday, May 15, 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS: The following children will receive First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 7 at 11 a.m.: Kaylee Bevan, Matthew Collotty, Macie Centak, Brianna Franco, Samantha Ann Hess, Brayden Karpinski, Spencer Martinez, Seth Mrak, Aiden Nealon, Luke Pereyo, Cody Quaglia, Michael Ralston, Jakob Rutkoski, Charles Seiger, Jaydon Skipalis, and Caitlin Vigorito. Please pray for these children as they prepare to receive the sacrament and may God bless them always. Thank you.

COMMUNION WORKSHOP: The First Holy Communion Workshop will be Sat., April 30 from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (children only) in the Church Hall. The Practice Schedule is Mon., May 2; Tues., May 3; and Thurs., May 5 from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in the Church. At least one parent to attend on 5/5. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Argenziano at (570) 709-6209.

CHILDREN'S MASS: The Children's Graduation Mass (8th Grade) will be Sunday, May 1 at 8:30 a.m. Please bring your children to attend and participate in the mass. Report cards will be distributed at the end of mass.

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.

MAY, THE MONTH OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: During May, we honor Mary, our Mother in special ways. We pray the rosary, we honor all mothers, and we recall the crowning of Mary as Queen of Heaven. The May Crowning will take place on Sun., May 10, at 8:30 a.m. in St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church by our First Communicants. Please bring the entire family to pray and honor our mother Mary. Thank you for loving our Mother Mary.

MAY - HONORING OUR MOTHER MARY: We will recite one decade of the rosary before all weekend Masses. Please come a little bit earlier to pray and honor our Blessed Mary, our Mother.

MOTHER'S DAY ENVELOPES: Please remember to pray for your mother by noting her name on your envelope and dropping it in the collection basket or send it to the rectory. Father Dang will pray for all mothers (living & deceased) at every Mass during the month of May. Thank you for loving our mothers.

PRO LIFE CARNATION SALE: Carnations will be offered before & after the weekend masses on May 7 & 8. The Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society workers for the sale are: Saturday, May 7, 4:30 p.m. Mary Lou Cook, Maggie Falchek, Mary Carol Gabla and Flossie Jablowski; Sunday, May 8 at 8:30 a.m. Bonnie Lazar and Rose Mary Strish; 11 a.m. Mary Frances Heiser, Marianne Shulo, Rose Wallace and Jane Clarke. Carnations are $1.00 each. Your donation is appreciated.

2016 SUMMER FESTIVAL: St. Leo's/Holy Rosary's Summer Festival is scheduled for **June 23, 24 & 25, 2016**. Please save these important dates in your calendar. Thank you.

SUMMER FESTIVAL: We are looking for booth sponsors, prize donation sponsors, donations of bottles of cheer and baskets ($30 minimum) to be raffled off at the festival. There will be boxes marked in the back of the Church for donations or they can be dropped off at the Rectory. A special thank you to those that already donated items. God Bless you for your generosity and faithfulness to our parish.

GREETERS: The greeter for Sat., April 30 at 4:30 p.m. is Ann Drazba and for Sun., May 1 at 8:30 a.m. is CCD Students and at 11:00 a.m. are Theresa & Ray Yedlock. The greeter for Sat., April 23 at 4:30 p.m. is Jean Schappert and for Sun., April 24 at 8:30 a.m. is Mary Lou Cook and at 11:00 a.m. is Rose Mary Strish. Thank you for your faithful service to our parish.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Knights of Columbus will meet Tues., April 26 at 7 p.m. in the Church Hall to finalize plans for their Annual Breakfast on Sun., May 1. All members are urged to attend.

BREAKFAST: On Sun., May 1 from 9 a.m. to Noon the Knights of Columbus will host their annual all you can eat breakfast. $6/adults and $3/children. K of C are also planning a day trip to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C. in October. Cost of the trip (bus only) will be $40. If you are interested call George Lehman at (570) 829-0883.

2ND COLLECTION: There will be a 2nd collection this weekend April 23/24 for Catholic Home Mission Appeal. Please be generous. God Bless you always.

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.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Gunnery Sgt. Michael Hudak is half way through his tour in Northern Iraq. It is his sixth deployment to the Middle East. Please remember him in your prayers.

THANK YOU: A very special thank you to Elizabeth Twitchell for the donation to the Dedicated Fund in memory of her grandmother Sarah Gorham Flynn and her twin sister Ann. Please remember them in your prayers. May God Bless you for your thoughtfulness, generosity and love to St. Leo/Holy Rosary Church.

2017 MASS BOOK: Masses for "2017" are available for purchase during office hours. Due to the size of our parish and to be fair to all families, we will be limiting week-end masses to four (4) per family. All masses must be requested, there are no pre-reserved dates. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call the rectory at (570) 825-6669 or see Father Dang. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: The Holy Name Society will hold its final meeting of the 2015-16 year on Sunday, May 15 in the church hall following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. We thank parishioners for their support of our projects over the last nine months.

CHURCH PROJECTS COMMITTEE: Committee members include: Tom Hooper, Don Kane, Paul Golias, John Gabla, Michael Yasenchak, Ray Clarke and Todd Argenziano. If anyone is interested in joining the committee please see a committee member or speak to Father Dang.

The new driveway drain has been installed and re-staining of the church floor pews has been completed. The design team from Borton-Lawson was at the church and did measurements and reviewed possible alternatives to the existing steel steps. We now await architectural renderings of what the entrance might look like. Wider steps and wider landings will be included to come up to new codes. The entrance may be enclosed utilizing glass panels.

Planning also continues for transfer of the statue of St. Joseph to a new grotto that will be constructed at the rear of the rectory and for replacement of the air conditioner system.

We thank all parishioners and friends of St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church for their prayers, donations and patience as we carry out work to repair and upgrade the parish infrastructure. If you have not donated or wish to make another contribution this year, please consider doing so…make checks payable to St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Dedicated Fund.

Let us join hands together to do God's work. May God's love and blessings in this Year of Mercy be with you always.

Father Vinnie, Finance Council and Projects Subcommittee

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, Marion Ferguson, Harry Bobos, Joyce Seiger, Jerry Cavanaugh, 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, Anna Lorraine Merlie, Billy Shemanski, Carl Bozinko, Mary Krupa, Theresa Woydzick, Ruth Kackauskas, Maureen Latzman, Rodel Dunn, Richard Walton, Colleen Lorelli and Marie Keegan and the faithful departed especially Andrew Balberchak 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	04/25	8:00 AM	M/M Frank Flanley	Maureen Beckley & Family
Tuesday	04/26	8:00 AM	Jule Harlen	Maryann Victor
Wednesday	04/27	8:00 AM	No Mass	
Thursday	04/28	8:00 AM	Mary Mullin	Mullin Family
Friday	04/29	8:00 AM	Scott & Robert Mitchell	Family
Saturday	04/30	4:30 PM	Henry Zasada	Wife & Family
Sunday	05/01	8:30 AM	Brian Travis	Your Friends at the White Haven Marine Corps Breakfast League
		11:00 AM	Michael Bellas	Family

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF JEAN O'DONNELL BY ARLENE MCGOWAN AND IN MEMORY OF MARY HUDAK BY FAMILY.
A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN LOVING MEMORY OF BILL GALARDI BY WIFE NANCY & SONS; IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY THE BELLAS FAMILY AND IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH MORRIS BY
SISTERS & FAMILY.
A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF BILL GALARDI BY JIM & CORLISS MCGOVERN AND IN MEMORY OF ANDREW BALBERCHAK BY THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY.

CANDLES

There are still Sanctuary, Blessed Mother and Sacred Heart Candles available for 2016. If you would like to

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

ALTAR & ROSARY/ ST. ANN'S SOCIETY: Wishes to thank all those who came to support our Society at our 1st Victorian Tea held last Sunday. Thank you to all who worked to make it a huge success, either by cleaning before & after the affair, baking or making finger sandwiches, making tea, or helping in any way. We especially want to thank Jane Clarke and Bonnie Lazar for chairing the event and organizing it in such an elegant fashion. Everyone enjoyed the food, the Victorian fashion show, Queen Victoria's presentation and of course the Tea.

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.

CASH BINGO: Holy Family Parish, Sugar Notch will hold a Cash Bingo on Sunday, April 24 in the church hall. Door open at 12 noon and games start at 1:00 p.m. Tickets are $5.00 and can be purchased by calling the rectory at (570) 822-8983 or at the door.

A NIGHT AT THE RACES: Holy Family Parish, Sugar Notch, will hold A Night At the Races on Sat. May 7 in the church hall. Door open at 5:00 p.m. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. and post time is 6:30 p.m. Buffet is included with horse sponsorship of $10. For more info call the rectory at (570) 822-8983.

SEARCHING FOR FAMILY: Judy Gorham Bennett, Mary Gorham Dewald & Elizabeth Twitchell are looking for info on members of their Gorham family, Thomas & Ann Gorham are originally from Clifden, Ireland. Peter Gorham married Ann Gorham originally of Roundstone, Ireland around 1868. Peter was killed in a mine accident in 1887 and his son helped dig St. Leo's foundation. Any info on the Gorhams & Connellys would be greatly appreciated. Please contact judykaykie@yahoo.com, gosmock@verizon.net or mdewald@q.com. Thank you.

ASHLEY FOOD PANTRY

Items in special need during the month of May: Coffee and jelly.
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 04/17/16	**$ 6,144.50**