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

JULY 17, 2016
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. LEO'S/HOLY ROSARY PARISH

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Web Site:	**www.stleos-holyrosary.org**
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Baptism	**Call the Rectory**
Weddings	**Call the Rectory**

READINGS: (July 24) Gn 18:20-32 Ps 138:1-3, 6-8 Col 2:12-14 Lk 11:1-13
In bargaining with God, Abraham demonstrates a real persistence in prayer. Jesus invites us to persist in prayer as well, to "ask...seek...knock". May our prayer open us to God's will, and so build up his strength within us. In baptism, we have died with Christ, and have been raised to life with him.

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

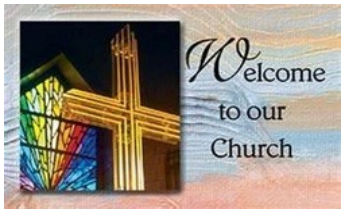
WEEKEND — Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
WEEKDAYS — 8:00 a.m. all weekdays except Wednesday
HOLY DAYS — (Vigil) 5:15 p.m., (Day) 8:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

VIETNAMESE MASS: There will be a Vietnamese Mass on Sunday, August 14, 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.



SUMMER FESTIVAL 2016

OUR PARISH SUMMER FESTIVAL 2016: Our parish "Summer Festival" was a wonderful success. Fr. Vinnie and all parishioners of St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church would like to express our thanks to our Festival Committee: Arlene Hooper Walsh, Rose Murray, Audrey Mill, Lynn Cole, Lisa & Todd Argenziano, Joe Gorham and Trish Savitsky in particular and to all who donated their time, talents and treasures to make our parish "Summer Festival" so successful. May God Bless you for your dedication and faithful service to our parish. We also thank all who came to our parish "Summer Festival" to support our parish community and to have a good time. A special thanks to the Ashley Police and Ambulance for their help! May God reward you for your kindness.

FATHER'S TRIP TO VIETNAM: Father Vinnie has arrived safely home. He said it is very hot but all is good. He will be returning home Sat., Aug. 6. Please pray for him; as he will keep all of you in his prayers. Have a blessed and great summer.

WELCOME AND THANK YOU: A warm welcome and thank you to Father Joe Long, CSC who has kindly offered his services to our Church in Father Vinnie's absence. We are blessed with his presence.

NOVENA TO ST. ANN: The Novena to St. Ann, Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary will start on Monday, July 18 following the 8 a.m. Mass and conclude on Tuesday, July 26, the Feast of St. Ann. On Wednesday and Saturday the Novena may be said privately. The Altar & Rosary/St. Ann Society will say the Novena on Sunday, July 24 before the 11 a.m. Mass. We will start at 10:25 a.m. Members are asked to sit in the front center pews to pray this devotion together. All parishioners and friends are always encouraged to join us. Thank you.

NOVENA TO ST. ANN: A Mass in the Polish language will be celebrated in honor of St. Ann on her feast day—July 26 at 1:15 p.m. at St. Ann's Shrine, Scranton. Singing of Polish hymns will precede the Mass. All are invited.

NOVENA TO ST. ANN: Will be held at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish at St. Aloysius Church - July 18 - 26 at 7 p.m. For more info please call (570) 823-3791.

ALTAR & ROSARY/ ST. ANN'S SOCIETY: Will have our meeting on July 24 at **12 NOON** in the church hall. We will discuss our upcoming Bake Sale on the weekend of August 13 & 14. Hostesses are Mary Carol Gabla & Rose Mary Strish. All members are encouraged to attend and new members are always welcomed. Dues of $3/ year is now due. Thank you.

GREETERS: The greeter for Sat., July 16 at 4:30 p.m. is Dorothy Hess and for Sun., July 17 at 8:30 a.m. are Lisa & Todd Argenziano and at 11:00 a.m. is Rose Wallace. The greeter for Sat., July 23 at 4:30 p.m. is Maggie Falchek and for Sun., July 24 at 8:30 a.m. are Angie & Jackson Chapasko and at 11:00 a.m. is Fran Spencer. Thank you for your faithful service to our parish.

CANTOR SCHEDULE: Sat., July 23 @ 4:30 p.m. MaryClaire; Sun., July 24 @ 8:30 a.m. Kelly and at 11:00 a.m. Sue. Thank you for your faithful service to our parish.

THE PARISH OF ST. BARBARA IN EXETER SUMMER BAZAAR: Will be from 5 to 11 p.m. on Fri., July 15 & Sat., July 16, and 4 to 9 p.m. on Sun., July 17 on St. Anthony's Church grounds, corner of 28 Memorial Street & Erie Avenue. Music Fri., by The Jeannie Zano Band, Sat., The Sperazza Band, and Sun., Something Else - Guy Fasciana. A variety of American, Polish, & Italian foods will be served. The Bazaar will also include an Air Conditioned flea market, theme baskets, money and big-ticket raffles, children's games, and more!

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS CHURCH BIG TENT BAZAAR: Will be July 17 at 420 Main Road, Hanover Township. For more info call (570) 823-6242.

CHURCH OF ST. MARIA GORETTI PARISH FESTIVAL: Will hold its Festival on Fri. and Sat., July 22/23 from 5 to 10 p.m. & Sun., July 24 from 4 to 9 p.m. Laflin Road, Laflin. Rain or shine under tents.

ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE SUMMER BAZAAR: The Summer Bazaar will be held Aug. 4, 5 & 6 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. at St. Aloysius Church grounds. Homemade foods, games and flea market.

VIETNAMESE MASS: There will be no Vietnamese Mass the month of July.

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to the newly baptized member of our parish Lucy Mae O'Donnell, daughter of Brian & Ann O'Donnell, on Sunday, July 10. May God Bless them.

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.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL: Our Diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal is sponsoring its annual conference at the University of Scranton during the weekend of July 29 thru 31. For registration forms, please write to: CCR, POB 3306, Scranton, PA 18505 or call 570-344-2214 or email: crneal@comcast.net.

CHURCH PROJECTS 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.

Dear parishioners:

Planning continues on parish repair and renovation projects. Here is a rundown on projects that we hope to do this year:

Steel steps replacement, east side of church—We are awaiting bids on complete replacement of the stairs and landings. This will be the major project for 2016 and we are hopeful that we can do the job this year. It would be too costly to enclose the stairs but a canopy is included in the plans.

St. Joseph's Grotto—We have sought clearance from the 811 dig alert program to insure that no utilities are under the grotto site. Work is scheduled to begin Aug. 1. The statue now in a niche on the Hartford Street side of the Ed Center/Food Pantry will be relocated to a granite base that will match the existing Lady of the Holy Rosary statue on the lawn.

Air conditioning—The parish is awaiting a donation toward most or all of the cost of a new system. Meanwhile, we continue to monitor and tweak the existing system as we proceed through the summer months.

Ed Center/Food Pantry—We will retain the building rather than demolish and replace it. As a follow up to stabilization work done in 2015, renovation work will begin this year. Areas of need include windows, flooring, painting and rest rooms.

We have sought architectural and construction advice on our projects, especially the stairs, and all advice has been helpful.

An additional $247 in donations have been received. Thank you! If you have not donated, please consider doing so…make checks payable to St. Leo's-Holy Rosary Dedicated Fund.

All work, completed and planned, is being made possible by donations from church organizations and you, the parishioners. 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

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, 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, Christopher Fee, 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, Bob Paisley, Elizabeth Spagnola, Richard Gdovin, Jared Banesh and Mary Jo Murphy 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	07/18	8:00 AM	Harold Hannon	Wife Margaret
Tuesday	07/19	8:00 AM	Rebecca & Julia More	Mullin Family
Wednesday	07/20	8:00 AM	No Mass	
Thursday	07/21	8:00 AM	Ross A. Beckley	Wife & Family
Friday	07/22	8:00 AM	Matilda Nardone	Her Loving Family
Saturday	07/23	4:30 PM	John Aleszczyk	The Merlie & Barger Family
Sunday	07/24	8:30 AM	For Our Parishioners	
		11:00 AM	Helen Freeman	Dobish Family

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF VINCENT, MATILDA & ROBBIE NARDONE BY THEIR LOVING FAMILY AND IN MEMORY OF JOE & THERESA HUDAK BY SON & FAMILY.
A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF ROSS A. BECKLEY BY WIFE & FAMILY AND IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY MOM, DAD, CASEY & JARED.
A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN LOVING MEMORY OF BILL GALARDI BY WIFE NANCY AND SONS; IN MEMORY OF MARGARET HANNON BY HANNON FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF JOHN KOVIACK, JR. BY MOM; IN MEMORY OF PAUL MCCARTHY, SR., BY BETTY & SHARON MCCARTHY; AND IN MEMORY OF ZIGMUND NIEMIEC BY HIS WIFE & FAMILY.

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.

MINISTERS SCHEDULE: Attention Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors and Youth Altar Servers: The schedule for June 25 through July 31 is now available to be picked up in the Sacristy. If you are unable to serve you must find a replacement to cover for you. Call or E-mail, Toni Riscavage at (570) 868-8215 or alrisc@hotmail.com with special requests or if you can no longer serve. Thank you.

GOOD SHEPHERD ACADEMY DESIGNER PURSE BINGO: The event is scheduled for July 24 at Immaculate Conception; 605 Luzerne Ave. West Pittston. Doors open at 11:00 am, the bingo will begin at 1:00 p.m. The cost is $25 for 20 games with extra games and specials for purchase. There will be a basket raffle, Gertrude Hawk candy bars, as well as instant bingo. Food, drinks and a bake sale will also be available for purchase. Tickets are available by calling the school office at (570)718-4724.

DAY OF REFLECTION: The Scranton Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will conduct a Day of Reflection on Wed., Aug. 3 at The Villa of Our Lady Retreat House, 245 Meadowside Road, Mount Pocono, PA. Monsignor Vincent Grimalia, Chaplain of St. Luke's Villa will conduct the retreat. The topic is "Jubilee Year of Mercy." The retreat will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will end by 2:00 p.m. A continental breakfast and luncheon will be served. The cost is $35. All Catholic women are invited to attend. Please send your reservation with payment to Helen Oravec, 814 Theresa Street, Peckville, PA 18452. The reservation deadline is July 25th. Contact Mary Lloyd at (570)578-6720 or Nancy Addley at (570)536-4436 if additional information is required.

RETROUVAILLE: Retrouvaille is an international program that helps couples who are experiencing marital difficulties. Please call 800-470-2230 for more information or to register or visit the website at www.helpourmarriage.org.

ASHLEY FOOD PANTRY

Items in special need during July: Soup and jelly (preferable unbreakable containers). Due to recent food drives we do not need pasta for some time.

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 Corin-

Weekly Collection for 07/10/16	**$5,799.75**