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

AUGUST 21, 2016
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. LEO'S/HOLY ROSARY PARISH

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

READINGS: (Aug. 28) Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 Ps 68:4-7, 10-11 Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a Lk 14:1, 7-14
Humility and self-knowledge go hand in hand. Those who conduct their affairs with humility shall be exalted, while those who exalt themselves shall be humbled. The humble shall rejoice and exalt before God in the assembly of the heavenly Jerusalem.

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, Sept. 18, 2016 at 2 p.m. All are welcome!

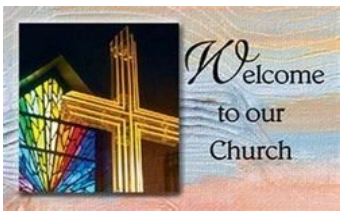
CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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.

Mrs. Michele Casey, DRE (570) 760-9793

C.C.D. REGISTRATION: Religious Education Classes registration will be held in the Church Hall on Sun., Sept. 4, after the 8:30 A.M. Mass. All children in public or private schools who wish to receive their sacraments at St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church must register for religious instruction. Children who attend Catholic schools are **NOT** required to attend Sunday religious education classes, **however, their parents/guardians must register them as members of the First Penance and First Communion classes on 9/4.** Thank you so much for your attention and love to our children.

CONFIRMATION: Beginning this academic year, the Diocese of Scranton will institute new regulations regarding the reception of Confirmation by students in our diocese. **From now on, only students who have reached the second semester of the eighth grade or the first semester of the ninth grade will be eligible to receive Confirmation**, and Confirmation celebration will be held once a year at a central location to be chosen by the Diocese. Because our last Confirmation celebration was in Spring 2015, and included 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students, our parish will not enter this new cycle either in the Spring or Fall of 2018. **ALL OTHER REGULATIONS REMAIN IN PLACE:** Students will still have to provide evidence of continued religious education until the reception of Confirmation and the completion of required service hours. If you have any questions regarding this new policy, please see Mrs. Casey, Director of Religious Education or contact her at (570) 760-9793. Thank you and God Bless you for your love to our children.

GREETERS: The greeter for Sat., Aug. 20 at 4:30 p.m. is Mary Lou Cook and for Sun., Aug. 21 at 8:30 a.m. are Alyssa Gayewski and Mary Kay Gavlick and at 11:00 a.m. is Dennis Pisano. The greeter for Sat., Aug. 27 at 4:30 p.m. is Dorothy Hess and for Sun., Aug. 28 at 8:30 a.m. are Angie & Jackson Chapasko and for 11:00 a.m. is Mary Heiser. Thank you for your faithful service to our parish.

CANTOR SCHEDULE: Sat., Aug. 27 at 4:30 p.m. Open; Sun., Aug. 28 at 8:30 a.m. Marie and at 11:00 a.m. MaryClaire. Thank you for your faithful service to our parish.

CYRENIANS: The Cyrenians will meet on Sunday, August 21 at 7 p.m. The Fall bingo will be discussed. The Fall Bingo is scheduled for Sun., Oct. 16. Thank you.

THANK YOU: The Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society wishes to thank all the wonderful parishioners and friends who participated in our Bake Sale and Afghan Raffle last weekend. We thank all those who baked such delicious cakes, cookies, and a huge selection of delicacies, plus those who gave a donation to our society and came to purchase and support us at our fundraiser. Because of your generosity, we are able to help our parish financially with repairs and church renovations. Thank You so much for your continued support.

AFGHAN RAFFLE: This is your last chance to buy tickets for the Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society Afghan Raffle. A beautiful 48" x 56" white & beige tone/blue border Angel Afghan was donated by members Donna Ranieli, Rose Deno and Nina Deno. Chances are $2.00 or 3/$5.00. The drawing for the winner will be after the 11 a.m. Mass, Sun., Aug. 21. Ticket sellers are Sat., Aug. 20 at 4:30 Mass: Nancy Walton & Maggie Falchek. Sun., Aug. 21 at 8:30 a.m. Mass: Mary Carol Gabla & Rose Mary Strish; 11 a.m. Mass: Marianne Shulo & Mary Bozinko.

THE TRIDUUM (Three days of prayers): Will be held on September 2-3-4 at the Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, Route 315, Laflin, with a Mass at **7:00PM**, followed by special prayers to St. Joseph for workers. Confessions and the Holy Rosary will precede the Mass. Please come.

The Feast of St. Joseph the Worker will be celebrated on Labor Day, Mon., Sept. 5 at the Oblates of St. Joseph with a Solemn Mass at **10:30AM**. Serving as celebrant and homilist will be Bishop John M. Dougherty, D.D. auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Scranton. Everyone is invited to attend.

FINANCE COUNCIL: There will be an important Finance Council Meeting, Tues, Aug. 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory. Please attend and if you cannot please call the office or Father Dang at (570) 825-6669. Thank you and God Bless you.

PASTORAL COUNCIL: There will be a meeting on Mon., Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Church Hall. Please attend. Thank you and God Bless you.

SUMMER FESTIVAL 2016: $45,626.71 net profit for this year's festival. On behalf of the entire parish, Father Vinnie would like to express his gratitude and thanks for a "Job Well Done!" to the entire Festival Committee, all the Festival Volunteers and workers and anyone who donated, worked or attended our Festival. May God Bless you for your faithful service to our parish.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: The 2016 Diocesan Annual Appeal: "Living Faith Serving with Mercy." We are asked to renew our commitment to support the local Church and the greater community by sharing God's gifts with those in need. Our Parish Goal is $35,000.00. Please be generous. Thank you and God Bless.

CHURCH PROJECTS COMMITTEE: Committee members include: Tom Hooper, Don Kane, Paul Golias, John Gabla, Michael Yasenchak, Ray Clarke, Todd Argenziano and Jack Mergo. If you have any questions, please call the rectory or any committee member.

Dear Parishioners:

Work is underway on the foundation for the St. Joseph statue. Please exercise caution in the work area to the rear of the rectory.

Again, thank you for your patience as we await installation of a new air conditioning system.

Replacement windows will be installed in the Education Center/Food Pantry. Additional repairs and renovations are planned, including siding in the non-brick area and roof repairs.

The contractor doing the stairs replacement is finalizing plans. The old stairs will be removed and new aluminum stairs will be installed. The deck at the elevator door will be widened to better accommodate wheelchairs. A new canopy will cover the stairway.

Thank you to all who donated toward the improvements! Please continue to support our Parish Projects… Please 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, you the parishioners and friends of St. Leo's/Holy Rosary. 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, Mary Jo Murphy, George Warman, Lucy Niemiec and Carole Abbott and the faithful departed especially Valeria M. Zabofski and Mary (Marylyn) Muroski and all our parishioners. We will be listing in the bulletin names of people who 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	08/22	8:00 AM	Seamus Clarke	Ray & Jane Clarke
Tuesday	08/23	8:00 AM	Robert Nealon	Family
Wednesday	08/24	8:00 AM	No Mass	
Thursday	08/25	8:00 AM	Joan West	Friend
Friday	08/26	8:00 AM	Rayna Spinucci	Friend
Saturday	08/27	4:30 PM	Joseph & Retha Naut	Family
Sunday	08/28	8:30 AM	For Our Parishioners	
		11:00 AM	James George	Wife & Children

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF THE LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF
ST. LEO'S/HOLY ROSARY CHURCH.
A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN LOVING MEMORY OF BILL GALARDI BY WIFE NANCY & SONS, IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY BELLAS FAMILY AND FOR SPECIAL INTENTIONS.
A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF CAROL ANN OPET BY PHIL & RITA WOODS & 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.

MARRIAGE BANNS: The banns of marriage are announced for the first and second time for Cody Bedosky and Sheila St. Preux. A wedding service will be held on Saturday, Sept. 3 at 1:00 p.m. in St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church. The banns of marriage are announced for the first time for Peter Moro and Sarah Yedlock. A wedding mass will be held on Saturday, Sept. 10 at 1:00 p.m. in St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church. Please pray for them.

PARISH MINISTERS SCHEDULE: The schedule for Aug. 6th through Sept. 4th for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors and Youth Altar Servers is in the Sacristy for pick up. As always it is very important for you to find a replacement if you are unable to serve on the dates assigned. If you have any special requests for the next schedule or are no longer able to serve, please call or e-mail, Toni Riscavage at (570) 868-8215 or alrisc@hotmail.com. 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.

BUS PILGRIMAGE: A bus pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA will be celebrating the Feast Day of St. Faustina, observed on Wed., Oct. 5, 2016. Coordinator of the trip is Eucharistic Apostle of Divine Mercy Cenacle Leader, Cathy Mack. Please call Cathy for reservations at (570) 654-6063.

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

RUTH'S PLACE: Items in special need are toilet paper and cleaning supplies. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. May God Bless you always.

ROSARY RALLY: The 40th Annual Knights of Columbus Rosary Rally will take place at Saint Ignatius Church, Kingston, Sunday, Sept. 25. A Rosary Procession from the Church, through the streets of the Parish will begin at 2 p.m. and after that The Most Reverend James C. Timlin will be the celebrant at Mass. For more information

ASHLEY FOOD PANTRY

Items in special need during August: Cereal and Soup. Due to past 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 08/14/16	**$5,999.00**