SEPTEMBER 4, 2016
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

ST. LEO'S/HOLY ROSARY PARISH

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Baptisms	**Call the Rectory**
Weddings	**Call the Rectory**

READINGS: (Sept. 11) Ex 32:7-11, 13-14 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19 Tm 1:12-17 Lk 15:1-32
Moses intercedes on behalf of the people who had turned away from the covenant. The Lord delights not in sin, but in our turning back to him, for a contrite and humbled heart God will never spurn. He sent his Son into the world not to condemn sinners, but to save them.

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!

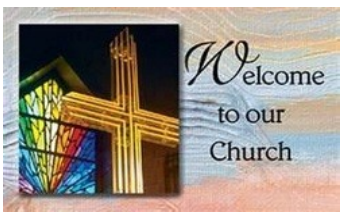
CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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.

ST. LEO HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1964: Held a 70th birthday celebration on Saturday night at the Wyoming Valley Country Club. Members of the class are attending Sunday's 11AM Mass to honor the deceased members of the class. Mary Ruddy Spaide, Barbara Sowa, Kathy Nilon Goldstone, John Dzury and Leo Reilly. The yellow roses at the statue of the Blessed Mother are in their memory. Gone but not forgotten.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a 2nd collection this weekend, Sept. 3/4, for the Care and Education of Priests. Please be generous. Thank you and God Bless.

THANK YOU: Thank you for your generosity to the 2nd collection last weekend for the Church in Eastern Europe. May God Bless you always.

GREETERS: The greeter for Sat., Sept. 3 at 4:30 p.m. is Fran Spencer and for Sun., Sept 4 at 8:30 a.m. is Mary Lou Cook and for 11:00 a.m. are Jane & Ray Clarke. The greeter for Sat., Sept. 10 at 4:30 p.m. is Ellen Davis and for Sun., Sept 11 at 8:30 a.m. are Barbara & Dan Piestrak and for 11:00 a.m. is Marianne Shulo. Thank you for your faithful service to our parish.

CANTOR SCHEDULE: Sat., Sept. 10 at 4:30 p.m. MaryClaire; Sun., Sept. 11 at 8:30 a.m. Marie. Thank you for your faithful service to our parish.

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.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to the newly baptized member of our parish Emma Sophia Yenchak daughter of Britni Yenchak and the late Thomas Joseph Flannelly, on Sun., Aug. 28. May God Bless her.

THE ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY: Will meet on Sunday, Sept. 11 at 2:00 P.M. in the Church Hall. Suggestions for new projects & charities for 2016-17 will be decided upon. All members are urged to attend and new members are invited. Thank you.

DESIGNER BINGO: The combined organizations will host the **Designer Bingo** on Sunday, Sept. 18 in the Church Hall. Doors open at 1:00 p.m. Games begin at 2:00 p.m. Please contact Tammy Glasson at 570 479-3414 or Bonnie Lazar at 570 474-1031 with any questions. The kitchen will be open. Please come and enjoy a wonderful time and support your parish. Thank you.

PRAYER SERVICE: On Sun., Sept. 18 at 6:00 p.m. Holy Resurrection Orthodox Cathedral 591 N. Main St. Wilkes-Barre will host a service at which "The Office of Vespers for the Preservation of Nature" will be prayed. Contact dr.cremeens@ggsm.us or smkapral@comcast.net for questions. Thank you.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The Knights will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 13 in the church hall. All members are urged to attend.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, LECTORS AND YOUTH SERVERS: The schedule for 9/10/16 to 10/16/16 is now available to be picked up in the Sacristy. An updated phone list is attached. Please keep these numbers so you can call for a substitute if you can't serve when scheduled. As always it is your responsibility to get a substitute to cover for you. Please call or e-mail Toni Riscavage at (570) 868-8215 or alrisc@ hotmail.com with any special requests or if you can no longer serve.

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.

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, Elizabeth Spagnola, Richard Gdovin, Jared Banesh, Mary Jo Murphy, George Warman, David Bukoski Jr. and Kate and Jacob Ide and the faithful departed especially Carole Abbott (sister of Angie & Jackson Chapasko) 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	09/05	8:00 AM	Anthony Gorham	Family
Tuesday	09/06	8:00 AM	Pat Emery	Beverly & Frank Aukstakalnis
Wednesday	09/07	8:00 AM	No Mass	
Thursday	09/08	8:00 AM	Thomas O'Boyle	Joseph & Rosemay Brandolino
Friday	09/09	8:00 AM	Rebecca & Julia Moore	Mullin Family
Saturday	09/10	1:00 PM	Wedding Mass of Peter Moro & Sarah Yedlock	
		4:30 PM	Deborah A. Klingler	Mom & Family
Sunday	09/11	8:30 AM	Deceased Members of the Daniel Collins Family by the Family	
		11:00 AM	Lucy Niemiec	Mountaintop Social Club

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF JULIE LEHMAN BY ARLENE MCGOWAN; IN LOVING MEMORY OF BILL GALARDI BY WIFE NANCY & SONS AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF STACEY GALARDI BY NANCY GALARDI & SONS.

A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF ST. LEO CLASS OF 1964 BY THEIR CLASSMATES; FOR HEALTH & BLESSINGS OF ALBERT RUSAK BY WIFE, DOROTHY; IN MEMORY OF KAY CLARKE BY HUSBAND & FAMILY; FOR DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE LOMBARDELLI FAMILY BY BERNADETTE DRUBY; IN MEMORY OF CHESTER & JOSEPHINE RYGIELSKI BY THE DOBRANSKI FAMILY; FOR SPECIAL INTENTIONS BY GILDINE MUSIAL; IN MEMORY OF STACEY GALARDI BY MOM, DAD & JEFF; IN MEMORY OF MARY HUDAK BY FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY MOM, DAD, CASEY & JARED AND IN MEMORY OF ELEANOR UZUPS BY SON, PETE & FAMILY.

A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF PAT EMERY BY BEVERLY & FRANK AUKSTAKALNIS;
IN MEMORY OF IRENE DRAZBA BY HUSBAND & DAUGHTER AND IN MEMORY OF THOMAS M. HART SR. BY JO HART & 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 third time for Peter Moro & Sarah Yedlock. A wedding mass will be held on Sat., Sept. 10 at 1:00 p.m. in St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church. Please pray for them.

THANK YOU: A very special thank you for the flowers that were placed on the altar this weekend in honor of the 69th Wedding Anniversary of John & Kathryn Hrichison. Please remember them in your prayers.

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.

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 is Sun., Sept. 25 at St. Ignatius Church, Kingston. A Rosary Procession from the Church, through the streets of the Parish will begin at 2 p.m. and after The Most Rev. James C. Timlin will be the celebrant at Mass. For more info call Chris Calore (570) 328-2430.

INTERFAITH PRAYER: The Diocese of Scranton will host an Interfaith Prayer Experience for Peace in our Communities Fri., Sept. 9 @ 12:10 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Peter, Scranton. All are welcome to join with people of many faith backgrounds to pray together for peace and to renew our commitment to actions of faith response as peacemakers.

ASHLEY FOOD PANTRY

Items in special need during September: Crackers, canned ravioli or spaghettio's, tea.

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 08/28/16	**$5,063.25**
2nd Collection Church in Eastern Europe	**$237.80**