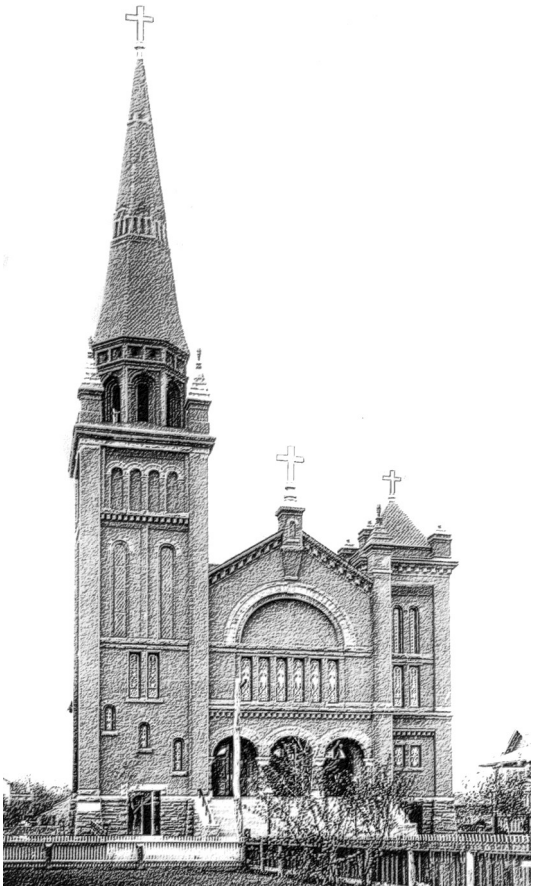
DECEMBER 11, 2016
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



ST. LEO'S/HOLY ROSARY PARISH

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READINGS: (Dec. 18) Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24
Jesus is Emmanuel, "God with us", risen from the dead. He is the king of glory.

As we are on this season of Advent, we look more deeply at our lives and prepare our hearts for Christ. What is calling us into the light? Are we willing to let the divine potter fashion what is best for our lives? May we prepare ourselves to be all that God created us to be.

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, Dec 11, 2016 at 2 p.m. All are welcome!

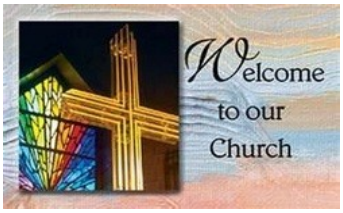
CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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

SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN: As we begin CCD classes, please lookout for the safety of our children especially as they are dismissed from class at 10:30 a.m. when you may be arriving for 11:00 a.m. Mass. Thanks.

CHILDREN'S MASS: There will be a children's Mass on Sun., Dec. 18 at 8:30 a.m. Following mass we will have our annual Christmas Party in the Church Hall. Please bring your children to attend and participate in the mass and the Christmas Party. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATES: First Penance will be celebrated **Sat., Jan. 21, 2017 at 11a.m**. First Holy Communion will be celebrated **Sun., May 7, 2017 at 11a.m**. Please save these important dates in your calendars. Thank you.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY ANNUAL LOTTERY TICKET SALE: Tickets are for the month of Feb. and are $5 each. Each ticket has 2 chances to match the daily Pick 3 number, drawn at 7 P.M. Prizes range from $25 - $100, with special prizes for numbers that match the Pick 3 numbers on both 2/14 & 2/28. Money from this sale will help support St. Vincent's charitable work in the parish and community. Tickets may be purchased in the vestibule, before and after Dec. weekend Masses; from any member of the Society; at the Rectory during office hours or by calling Christine Casey at (570)262-5008 after 6 P.M.

ANNUAL GIVING TREE: Is in the sanctuary and we are asking for gifts suitable for children up to age 15. Please take an ornament from the tree indicating the age and gender of the child; purchase a suitable gift for the child; and place it UNWRAPPED, with the ornament taped to it, under the Giving Tree. **All gifts must be placed under the tree by the end of the 11 A.M. Mass on 12/18.** Our gifts will go first to clients of the Ashley Food Pantry who have registered their children and to members of the parish who have registered their children. (Simply call the Rectory during normal business hours to register those children whose families need help providing Christmas gifts to them. We'll need the name, age, and gender of the child.) We will once again also be collecting socks, undergarments, gloves, scarves, etc. for the homeless. These UNWRAPPED items should also go under the tree. Thank you.

DECORATING THE CHURCH: We will decorate the church Sat., Dec. 17 at 9 a.m. for the Christmas celebration. If you are available to help, please come. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS MASSES: Saturday, Christmas Eve, December 24th at 4:00 p.m. and 10 p.m. and Sunday, Christmas Day, December 25th at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

GREETERS: The greeter for Sat., Dec. 10 at 4:30 p.m. is Dorothy Hess and for Sun., Dec. 11 at 8:30 a.m. are Alyssa Gayewski & Mary Kay Gavlick and for 11:00 a.m. is Rose Wallace. The greeter for Sat., Dec. 17 at 4:30 p.m. is Ellen Davis and for Sun., Dec. 18 at 8:30 a.m. is 4th Grade CCD class and at 11:00 a.m. is Catherine Smith. Thank you for your faithful service to our parish.

RECRUITING ALTAR SERVERS: Father Vinnie is in need of new Altar Servers. Please any boy or girl, 8 years or older who received First Holy Communion is eligible to be an Altar Server. Please see Father or call the Rectory (570) 825-6669. Thank you.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE: Will be at St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church Sun., Dec. 11 at 4 p.m.; Holy Family Church, Sugar Notch Tues., Dec. 13 at 7 p.m.; St. Faustina Parish, Nanticoke Thurs., Dec. 15 at 7 p.m.; St. Robert Bellarmine Sat., Dec. 18, 11 - 12:30 p.m. and Exaltation of the Holy Cross 3:30 - 5 p.m. Please come.

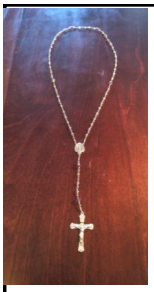
2017 CALENDARS: The calendars are available in the rear of the church. Feel free to help yourselves. We would like to thank George Strish, Inc. and Lehman Family Funeral Service, Inc. for sponsoring our calendar this year. May God Bless them for their generosity.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: Will meet Sun., Dec. 11 in the Church Hall following the 11 a.m. Mass. The Turkey Bingo and upcoming Smoker in Jan. will be discussed. All men of the parish are welcome. Thank you.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Will meet Tues., Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. in the Church Hall. All members are urged to attend. Thank you.

2ND COLLECTION: There will be a 2nd collection this weekend Dec. 10/11 for Retirement Fund for Religious and Diocesan Priests. Please be generous. God Bless you always.

THANK YOU: Thank you to those that cleaned the Church for Christmas. May God Bless you for your faithful service.



HANDMADE SWAROVSKI CRYSTAL ROSARY FUNDRAISER: The Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society received a beautiful Swarovski Crystal Rosary donated by member Beth Nealon. This handmade 5 decade rosary is designed with Astral Pink Swarovski Crystals. The beautiful 1 1/2" flowered Crucifix and the 5/8" Miraculous Medal centerpiece are both solid Sterling Silver. The rosary is hand wired wrapped and measures 17 1/2" long. It will be on display and offered for chances - $2.00 each or 3/$5.00 the 4 weekends of Advent in the vestibule at the same table with our Oplatki. The drawing for the rosary will be Sun., Dec. 18 after the 11 a.m. Mass. Thank you.

COOKIE SALE: The Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society will hold their Annual Cookie Sale the week-end of Dec. 10/11 in the Church Hall. Bags of cookies will be 6/$2.50 or 12/$5.00. The profit as all our society's fundraisers goes to support our parish. Thank you. **Workers: Sat., 12/10 at 4:30 p.m.** Maggie Falchek, Mary Lou Cook, Flossie Jablowski & Toni & George Riscavage. **Sun., 12/11 at 8:30 a.m.** Barbara Mitchell, Bonnie Lazar & Beth Nealon and at **11 a.m.** Maureen Beckley, Mary Bozinko and Rose Wallace.

WAFER SALE: The Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society Wafer Sale continues through Dec. 18 before and after week-end masses. **The week-end of Dec. 10/11 it will be in the Church Hall.** Donations are appreciated. **Workers: Sat., 12/17 at 4:30 p.m.** Nancy Walton and Mary Carol Gabla and **Sun., Dec. 18 at 8:30 a.m.** Beth Nealon and Maureen Beckley and at **11:00 a.m.** Rose Mary Strish and Bonnie Lazar.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: We encourage parishioners to use your Christmas Flower envelope. It helps defray the costs of decorating our church. Please clearly write your name on the envelope so we can publish the names of those who donated. Thank you and God Bless.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: Every Christmas brings new hope for our world and our lives as we celebrate the birth of Christ, the Prince of Peace. Let us pray that Christ will bestow greater peace on our society and world. As we ask for Christ's gifts of peace, our parish asks for your Christmas gift for our Christmas collection. Please be generous and thank you with all my heart for your special gift to St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Parish this Christmas.

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, Mary Golias, 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, 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, Ruth Kackauskas, Maureen Latzman, Rodel Dunn, Richard Walton, Colleen Lorelli, Elizabeth Spagnola, Richard Gdovin, Jared Banesh, Mary Jo Murphy, George Warman, David Bukoski Jr., Kate and Jacob Ide, Mary Tomasko, Jonathan Elick, Jimmy Kinney, Peanut Frantz, Sally Hooper, Melissa Smyk, Janet Tyson, Sara White, Richard Prestas and James Ehret and the faithful departed especially Dorathy A. Tracy, Marilyn Kuklewicz (Maggie Falchek's sister) and Dorothy Frances Wolfe 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	12/12	8:00 AM	Special Intention	
Tuesday	12/13	8:00 AM	Charlotte Benio	Charlotte L. Androckitis
Wednesday	12/14	8:00 AM	No Mass	
Thursday	12/15	8:00 AM	Scott & Robert Mitchell	Paul & Jody Vinton
Friday	12/16	8:00 AM	Mary Theresa Mullin	Mullin Family
Saturday	12/17	4:30 PM	Ida Mae Foley	Family
Sunday	12/18	8:30 AM	For Our Parishioners	
		11:00 AM	Retha & Joseph Naut	Family

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM MCGOWAN BY ARLENE MCGOWAN; IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH MURRAY BY HIS FAMILY AND IN MEMORY OF GEORGE KARLO BY HELEN.
A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH E. BRADSHAW BY NORENE BRADSHAW;
IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY BELLAS FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF PATRICK MITCHELL BY BILL & ELLEN DAVIS; IN
MEMORY OF PATRICK MITCHELL BY JOHN & MARY CAROL GABLA; IN MEMORY OF MARILYN KUKLEWICZ BY JANE & RAY CLARKE; IN MEMORY OF STEPHEN PAHLER BY FAMILY AND IN MEMORY OF JUDE SCHAPPERT, SR. BY JEAN & CHILDREN.
A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF BERNARD MAKOWSKI BY COLLEEN NEALON CALENTI; IN MEMORY OF CHARLES ZAVASKAS BY PHIL & RITA WOODS & FAMILY; IN LOVING MEMORY OF BILL GALARDI BY WIFE NANCY & SONS AND IN MEMORY OF RUTH BOHAN BY SISTER JEAN.

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.

2016 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: "Living Faith Serving with Mercy." Our Parish Goal is $35,000.00. So far we have donated $18,848.00. Please be generous. Thank you and God Bless.

CYRENIANS' ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY: Will be Wed., Dec. 14 at the River Grille beginning at 5:30 p.m. All Cyrenians and their families are invited to attend. Thank you.

SHUT-IN LIST: The Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society and Holy Name Society annually light candles for Shut-ins of our parish and send them a Christmas card. If you know of a parishioner who is in a nursing home or confined at home, please inform Rose Mary Strish at (570) 825-3681 or the rectory at (570) 825-6669.

CANTOR SCHEDULE: Sat., Dec. 17 at 4:30 p.m. Sue ; Sun., Dec. 18 at 8:30 a.m. Melanie and at 11:00 a.m. Marie. Thank you for your faithful service to our parish.

THANK YOU: Thank you for your generosity to the 2nd collection last weekend for Care and Education of Priests. May God Bless you always.

CHOIR: The choir is looking for additional members and anyone who plays an instrument and wants to share their talents to enhance our worship celebration please see Bob Passetti, Music Director after any mass or call him at (570) 814-1747. **Adult Choir practice is from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday Evenings.** Thank you and God Bless you always.

PROJECT ANDREW DINNER: Bishop Bambera invites men who are being encouraged to consider Priestly Ministry for Evening Prayer Wed., Dec. 28 at 5:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Cathedral. Social and dinner following. Call

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 12/04/16	**$5,634.30**
Care & Education of Priests	**$580.00**