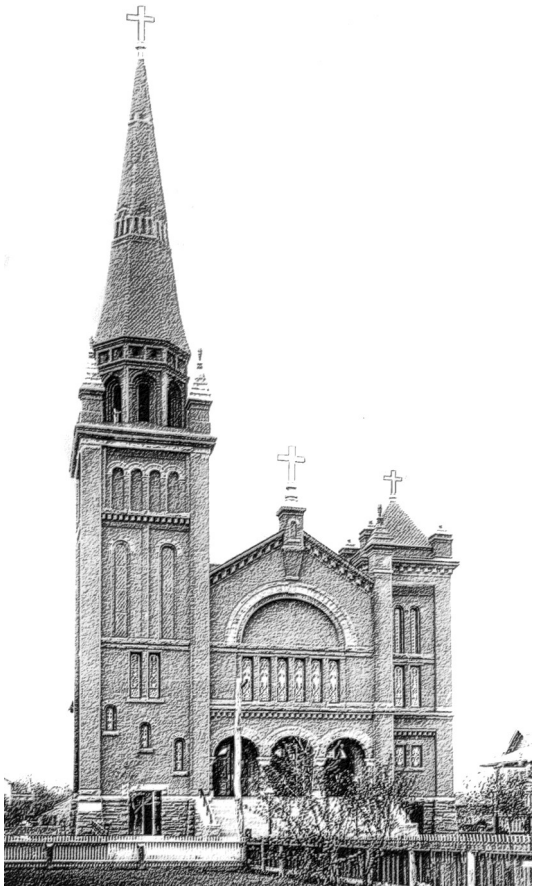
**DECEMBER 18, 2016**
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



# ST. LEO'S/HOLY ROSARY PARISH


**33 Manhattan St.**
**Ashley, PA 18706**
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| **Web Site:** | **www.stleos-holyrosary.org** |
| **Pastor:** | **Reverend Vincent Dang** |
| **Pastor Emeritus:** | **Reverend Thomas J. O'Malley** |
| **Administrative Asst:** | **Marianne Baseski** |
| **Secretary:** | **Marina Kachinko** |
| **Director of Music:** | **Robert Passetti** |
| **Director of Religious Education:** | **Michele Casey** |
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| **Baptisms** | **Call the Rectory** |
| **Weddings** | **Call the Rectory** |

**READINGS:** (Dec. 25) Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18
God has spoken to use through his Son, the Word made flesh. Thus has salvation been revealed to all the nations.

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, Jan. 29, 2017 at 2 p.m. All are welcome!

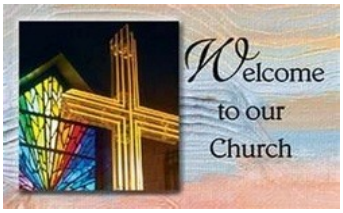
## CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

**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.

**NO CCD:** There will be no CCD classes on Sun., Dec. 25 and Sun., Jan. 1. Classes will resume Sun., Jan. 8.

**CATHOLIC STUDENTS:** Those students attending Catholic School and belonging to St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church should receive the sacraments in our parish. Please register through the office or the CCD Director Michele Casey at (570)760-9793. Deadline is January 8, 2017. 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.

**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.** Please come to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ on Christmas.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** We encourage parishioners to use your Christmas Flower envelope. It helps defray the costs of decorating our church. 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.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD/2017 NEW YEAR'S DAY:** With the coming of the Lord Jesus, God has blessed the earth with the greatest gift: The promise of eternal life. Just as Mary reflected on the events surrounding Jesus' birth, so, too, do we ponder the many blessings God has showered on us. As the scriptures are proclaimed, let us pray that this New Year will see ever-new blessings of peace poured out on our weary world. **There will be three masses: Sat., Dec. 31, New Year's Eve Mass will be at 4:30 p.m. and Sun., Jan. 1, New Year's Day masses will be at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.** Please come to offer the New Year in God's providence.

**ANNUAL GIVING TREE: All gifts must be placed under the tree by the end of the 11 A.M. Mass on 12/18.** Thank you.

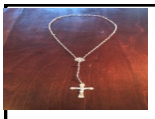
**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES:** Mon., Dec. 19 at 6:00 p.m. Our Lady of Hope Parish, WB; Tues., Dec. 20 at 7:00 p.m. St. Nicholas Parish, WB; Tues., Dec. 20 at 7:00 p.m. St. Andre Bessette Parish, WB and Saints Peter & Paul Parish, Plains and Wed. Dec. 21 at 7:00 p.m. Our Lady of Fatima Parish at St. Mary's Church, WB.

**GREETERS:** 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. The greeter for Sat., Dec. 24 at 4:00 p.m. is Maggie Falchek and at 10:00 p.m. is Open and for Sun., Dec. 25 at 8:30 a.m. is Frank Aukstakalnis and at 11:00 a.m. are Angie & Jackson Chapasko. Thank you for your faithful service to our parish.

**THANK YOU:** The Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society thanks all who participated in our Christmas Cookie Sale, by working, baking and purchasing the many decorative, delicious cookies. Your support helps our society buy rosaries for our First Communion class each year, the Christening cloth/bib for those baptized in our parish and candles for the Shut Ins of our parish at Christmas. It also helps us support our parish financially.

**TAX STATEMENT:** In compliance with the IRS regulations, all donations to be credited for 2016 must be in the office by December 26th or in the collection basket the weekend of December 24/25. **Itemized statements of contributions for tax purposes will be issued to any parishioner requesting one.**

**OFFICE CLOSED:** The office will be closed on Fri., Dec. 23 and Mon., Dec. 26.



**HANDMADE SWAROVSKI CRYSTAL ROSARY FUNDRAISER:** This is the last weekend to take a chance on the Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society's Swarovski Crystal Rosary donated by member Beth Nealon. The winner will be drawn Sun., Dec. 18 after the 11 a.m. Mass. Thank you.

**WAFER SALE:** This is the last weekend for the Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society Wafer Sale. Donations are appreciated. **Workers: Sat., 12/17 at 4:30 p.m.** Nancy Walton & Mary Carol Gabla; **Sun., Dec. 18 at 8:30 a.m.** Beth Nealon & Maureen Beckley and at **11:00 a.m.** Rose Mary Strish & Bonnie Lazar.

**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.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to those that decorated our Church for the Christmas celebration. May God Bless you for your faithful service to our parish.

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

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to those that donated to the 2nd collection last weekend for Retirement Fund for Religious and Diocesan Priests. God Bless you always.

**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.

**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.

**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 Eugene Anthony Tomczak 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

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| Monday | 12/19 | 8:00 AM | Alice, Edward & Herman Bingham | Jane & Ray Clarke |
| Tuesday | 12/20 | 8:00 AM | David, Raymi & Valeria Zabofski | Family |
| Wednesday | 12/21 | | No Mass | |
| Thursday | 12/22 | 8:00 AM | George H. Taggart, Sr. | M/M Edward Goodford |
| Friday | 12/23 | 8:00 AM | Anna & Andrew Krupa | George & Rose Mary Strish |
| Saturday | 12/24 | 4:00 PM | For Those Listed on the Flower Intentions | |
| | | 10:00 PM | For Our Parishioners | |
| Sunday | 12/25 | 8:30 AM | For Our Parishioners | |
| | | 11:00 AM | For Our Parishioners | |

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN LOVING MEMORY OF BILL GALARDI BY WIFE NANCY & SONS.
A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY FAMILY; IN LOVING MEMORY OF IDA MAE FOLEY BY HER FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF MARILYN KUKLEWICZ BY THE COUNTERS; IN MEMORY OF
MARYBETH KOVIACK & JOANIE THOMAS BY CAROLE KNEAL & GARY BURCZY AND A BIRTHDAY REMEMBERANCE FOR STANLEY KOPICZAK BY WIFE IRENE & FAMILY.
A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF GENE TOMCZAK BY CAROLE KNEAL & GARY BURCZY; IN MEMORY OF JOHN BAKER, DAN WESGAITES & PHIL VEET FROM GARY BURCZY & CAROLE KNEAL AND IN MEMORY OF DR. JOSEPH LOPATOFSKY, DVM BY BILL & ANNE MARIE VANCOSKY.

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.

**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.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to those who donated items for the Christmas meal bags for clients.

**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 $19,258.00. Please be generous. Thank you and God Bless.

**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. 24 at 4:00 p.m. MaryClaire; Sun., Dec. 25 at 8:30 a.m. Lynn & at 11:00 a.m. Marie. Thank you for your faithful service to our parish.

**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
Father Don at (570) 207-1452 if interested by Wed., Dec. 21. Thank you.

**HANOVER AREA STUDENT COUNCIL & JSC CHILI, CHOWDER & SOUP CONTEST:** Will be held Sun., Jan. 22 from Noon to 2:00 p.m. to benefit the Ashley Food Pantry. It will be at the Hanover Area Jr./Sr. H.S. Cafeteria. Adults: $5.00; Children (6-12) $3.00 and Under 5 free. Admission includes samples of all entries. Deadline to enter Tues., Jan. 17. For info see http://www.hanoverarea.org; or call 831-2300, ext. 229.

**ASHLEY FOOD PANTRY**

**Items in special need during January: Cereal and crackers. Thank you:** Thank you to all who have donated. May God Bless you for your kindness and

| COMMITMENT OF TREASURE | |
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| *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 12/11/16** | **$8,388.38** |
| **Retirement Fund for Religious** | **$465.00** |