DECEMBER 25, 2016
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

ST. LEO'S/HOLY ROSARY PARISH

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CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS-SOLEMNITY OF THE BIRTH OF THE LORD:

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Our Advent journey has come to fulfillment. With overwhelming joy we have been gathered together to celebrate the birth of the Messiah. Tidings of great joy are announced to us this day—tidings of great joy to be shared by the whole people. At this time of gift giving, let us praise the One who gave us the greatest gift ever given to the world. Let us open our minds and hearts to welcome the Messiah, who comes at this sacred moment to save us from sin and deliver us from the darkness of evil. In the person of the tiny Christ child in the manger, the promise of salvation is made manifest. O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord! May the infant Christ bless you richly with the Gifts of His LOVE as you share it with each other. Please know that you will be in ever prayer I utter throughout this Holiday Season.

Have a Holy Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Devotedly,
Fr. Vincent Dang

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!

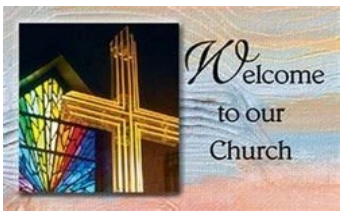
CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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: Please lookout for the safety of our children especially as they are dismissed from CCD class at 10:30 a.m. when you may be arriving for 11:00 a.m. Mass. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S MASS: Thank you to those that participated in the Children's Mass. May the Lord Bless you for your faithfulness and love to our church.

NO CCD: There will be no CCD classes 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.

READINGS: Jan. 1 Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21

We seek God's blessings as did Mary. Because of her Son, we can confidently call God, "Abba"!

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.

THANK YOU: Thank you to those who donated Giving Tree Gifts. We had an overwhelming response and were able to share with the less fortunate in our community who have been blessed by your giving and love. A special thanks to those that sorted and distributed the gifts. A job well done! God Bless you always.

THANK YOU: Thank you to all those who donate food, money or time to the Food Pantry. May God bless you for your kindness, generosity and love.

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.

GREETERS: 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. The greeter for Sat., Dec. 31 at 4:30 p.m. is Fran Spencer and for Sun., Jan. 1 at 8:30 a.m. are Barbara & Dan Piestrak and at 11:00 a.m. is Rose Wallace. Thank you for your faithful service to our parish.

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 Mon., Dec. 26, Fri., Dec. 30 and Mon., Jan 2.

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.

ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN'S SOCIETY: Will hold an important meeting **Mon., Jan. 2 at 12 Noon** in the Church Hall. We will discuss the upcoming Piggy Dinner to be held Sun., Jan. 22. Tickets will be sold the week-ends of Jan. 7/8 and Jan. 14/15. All members are encouraged to attend. Hostesses are Jane Clarke & Rose Mary Strish. New members are always welcomed.

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 and cleaned our Church for the Christmas celebration. May God Bless you for your faithful service to our parish.

THANK YOU: The Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society thanks everyone who bought chances on the Swarovski Crystal Rosary donated by Beth Nealon. The winner is Leo Lehman. Congratulations Leo! Also, thank you to all those who bought Oplatki/Wafers to share at their Christmas Eve Dinner. Thank you for keeping our old traditions alive. We wish you all a Blessed Christmas.

RECRUITING ALTAR SERVERS: Father Vinnie is in need of additional 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.

CANTOR SCHEDULE: Sat., Dec. 31 at 4:00 p.m. Sue; Sun., Jan. 1 at 8:30 a.m. Melanie & at 11:00 a.m. MaryClaire. 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.

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.

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, James Ehret and Robert Norkus and the faithful departed especially Albert Rusak 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	12/26	8:00 AM	Antonio & Pasquale Zito	Mr. & Mrs. Aniello Illiano
Tuesday	12/27	8:00 AM	Elizabeth Lewis	Rob & Gwen O'Donnell
Wednesday	12/28	8:00 AM	No Mass	
Thursday	12/29	8:00 AM	Julia A. Masher	Tom & Mary Ann Potsko
Friday	12/30	8:00 AM	Andrew Balberchak	Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society
Saturday	12/31	4:30 PM	Anna Aleszczyk	The Merlie & Barger Family
Sunday	01/01	8:30 AM	John & Virginia Helfrich	George & Nancy Lehman
		11:00 AM	Albert J. Rusak	Wife & Family

AS WE CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS, A CANDLE IN FRONT OF THE BLESSED MOTHER OR THE SACRED HEART WILL BE LIT FOR THE FOLLOWING SHUT INS FOR HEALTH & BLESSINGS BY THE ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN'S SOCIETY & THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY: NANCY ALBEE, LORETTA BALBERCHAK, THE BELLAS FAMILY, CARL BOZINKO, JERRY CAVANAUGH, REGINA CHAPASKO, ROSE MARY CLARK, JAMES CURRY, PATRICK DIESO, DOROTHY DOBISH, MARIETTA GDOVIN, MARY GOLIAS, AGNES GREGORY, ADAM HAVERLY, JOHN & KATHRYN HRICHISON, ANNA KOCUR, BETTY LEWIS, BILL MITCHELL, THERESA PATSKO, ROBERT & APPI PEPPERLING, KATHRYN POLAK, DOROTHY RUSAK, LORRAINE SHINKO, ED SHOVLIN, CATHERINE VEROSTEK & MARGE WOZNOCK.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF JACK BARANOUSKY & LILO & HARRY KEMMERER JR.
BY BETTY, SUZIE & JESSIKA BARANOUSKY; IN MEMORY OF STEPHEN BERES BY BERES FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF JEAN
O'DONNELL BY ARLENE MCGOWAN; IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM MCGOWAN BY ARLENE MCGOWAN; IN LOVING MEMORY OF WILLIAM & IDA MAE FOLEY BY THEIR FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF KIMBERLY MCGOVERN PLISKA BY MOM & DAD;
IN LOVING MEMORY OF ROBBIE NARDONE BY MOM, DAD & SARA; IN MEMORY OF JACK & NANCY MCGOVERN BY THE FAMILY; FOR A SPECIAL INTENTION; IN MEMORY OF PEGGY & JOSEPH MARASKI BY HOLLY, JUSTIN & JASE TURINSKI;
IN MEMORY OF MARILYN KUKLEWICZ BY TOM & LOUISE CAVANAUGH; IN MEMORY OF JACK & NANCY MCGOVERN BY FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF FRANCIS CORCORAN BY FRANCES GUTOSKY; IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH P. MCDONALD JR. BY
FAMILY AND IN MEMORY OF JONATHAN ELICK BY RITA MCDONALD & FAMILY.

A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF ROSS A. BECKLEY BY WIFE & FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF DEBORAH A. KLINGLER BY MOM & FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF CATHERINE & BONAVENTURE LOMBARDELLI BY BERNADETTE DRUBY; IN MEMORY OF PATRICIA & LEO DRUBY BY BERNADETTE DRUBY; IN LOVING MEMORY OF BILL GALARDI BY WIFE NANCY & SONS; IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY BELLAS FAMILY; FOR DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MCGOVERN & BOSTON FAMILIES BY JIM MCGOVERN FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF JACK & NANCY MCGOVERN BY JIM MCGOVERN FAMILY;
IN MEMORY OF MR. & MRS. GILBERT COONEY BY MUSIAL FAMILY; FOR ALL LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN'S SOCIETY BY THE SOCIETY; IN MEMORY OF MR. & MRS. ART LENNON BY MUSIAL FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF VINCENT, MILLIE & ROBBIE NARDONE BY THEIR LOVING FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF HAROLD HANNON BY MARGARET HANNON; IN MEMORY OF GEORGE TAGGART BY MARGARET HANNON; IN MEMORY OF ELIZABETH TAGGART BY
MARGARET HANNON; IN MEMORY OF STEPHEN C. PAHLER BY FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF PEGGY & JOSEPH MARASKI BY JOEL & TOMMY TURINSKI; FOR BETTY LEWIS BY SUSAN, JACK & BETTY JO & FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF ALBERT J. RUSAK BY
LOVING WIFE DOROTHY; FOR SPECIAL INTENTIONS AND IN MEMORY OF LEONARD & CLAIRE WEGRZYNOWICZ BY FAMILY.

A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF MARGARET HANNON BY THE HANNON FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM "BILL" GALARDI BY JIM MCGOVERN FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF MR./MRS. JOHN MUSIAL BY THE MUSIAL FAMILY; IN LOVING MEMORY OF BRUNO TERKALA BY GLORIA TERKALA; IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL FEDAK BY WIFE & FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF ANNE (FEDAK) MAKAREWICZ BY HER MOTHER ANN FEDAK-MEORYOPEGGY & JOSEPH MARASKI BY BARB & TOM TURINSKI; IN MEMORY OF ALBERT J. RUSAK BY ELIZABETH ZELINKA; IN MEMORY OF CHRIS O'DONNELL BY ROB & GWEN O'DONNELL; IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH P. MCDONALD SR. BY RITA MCDONALD & FAMILY AND IN MEMORY OF ALBERT J. RUSAK BY FLOSSIE JABLOWSKI.

ASHLEY FOOD PANTRY

Items in special need during January: Cereal and crackers. Thank you: Thank you to all who have

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 12/17/16	**$6,559.75**