FEBRUARY 19, 2017
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. LEO'S/HOLY ROSARY PARISH

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

READINGS: (Feb. 26) Is 49:14-15 PS 62:2-3, 6-9 1 Cor 4:1-5 Mt 6:24-34
Our heavenly Father is with us, ever providing for our needs. He is always mindful of us; in him we shall never be disturbed. All should regard us as servants of Christ.

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, Feb. 19, 2017 at 2 p.m. All are welcome!

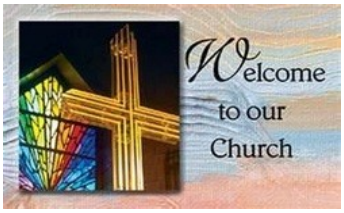
CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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

NO CCD CLASS: There will be no CCD Classes on Sun., Feb. 19 in observance of President's Day. Classes will resume on Sun., Feb. 26.

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.

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Your children's safety is always the primary concern of ours. Please use your discretion if you choose to send your children to CCD in inclement weather.

SAVE THE DATE: First Holy Communion will be celebrated **Sun., May 7 at 11a.m**. Please save this important date in your calendars. Thank you.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY ASH WEDNESDAY POTATO PANCAKE BATTER SALE: Please order by 11 a.m. Mon., Feb. 27 by calling the rectory (570) 825-6669. Batter is $6.00/quart. Pick up will be after the 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. Masses on Ash Wednesday, March 1. Lenten food sales begin Friday, March 3 and continue on Fridays of Lent, noon to 5 p.m. Thank you.

WINTER WEATHER: When attending mass during the winter season because of slippery conditions please enter through the Church Hall or use the Church side door. Thank you.

GREETERS: The greeter for Sat., Feb. 18 at 4:30 p.m. is Ann Drazba and for Sun., Feb. 19 at 8:30 a.m. is Mary Lou Cook and at 11:00 a.m. is Rose Mary Strish. The greeter for Sat., Feb. 25 at 4:30 p.m. is Dorothy Hess and for Sun., Feb. 26 at 8:30 a.m. is Frank Aukstakalnis and at 11:00 a.m. is Catherine Smith. Thank you for your faithful service to our parish.

CANTOR SCHEDULE: Sat., Feb. 25 at 4:00 p.m. Marie; Sun., Feb. 26 at 8:30 a.m. Bob & at 11:00 a.m. Mary Claire. Thank you for your faithful service to our parish.

2016 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: "Living Faith Serving with Mercy." Our Parish Goal is $35,000.00. So far we have donated $22,088.00 which is 63% of our goal. On behalf of those who will benefit, we say thank you to our parishioners and friends who made a gift to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. If you have not made a gift to the Appeal, please consider sharing in the work of our local Church by helping people in need, passing on the faith to our children, caring for our clergy and seminarians, and spreading the good new of Jesus Christ. Please be generous. Thank you and God Bless.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY: In observance of World Marriage Day, there will be a renewal of marriage vows on Sat., Feb. 18 at the 4:30 p.m. mass and on Sun., Feb. 19 at the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. masses. Couples should attend mass together so you can renew your marriage vows and receive your blessing.

ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN'S SOCIETY MEETING: Will be held Sunday, February 26 at **2 p.m.** in the Church Hall. The report on our Piggie Dinner will be given and we will begin the planning for our Victorian Tea in April. Hostesses will be Maggie Falchek and Mary Lou Cook. New members are always welcomed.

CYRENIANS MEETING: Will be held Sunday, February 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall to discuss the upcoming Night at the Races.

THANK YOU: Thank you for continuing to collaborate with the St. Pauly Textile, Inc. clothing drop off shed project. Approximately 9,758 garments of clothing were donated in 2016. This was enough to clothe an estimated 1,183 people. We were able to raise $606 in 2016 through hosting this shed. Thank you for all the support and May God Bless you always.

OFFICE CLOSED: The office will be closed Mon., Feb. 20 in observance in President's Day. Thank you.

MARRIAGE HELP: If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, then the Retrouvaille Program can help you. Retrouvaille is helping couples put the pieces back together and to rediscover a more loving relationship. **The next local program will be Feb. 24-26, 2017 at The Ramada Inn, Clarks Summit, PA.** Registration Required. All calls confidential. Cost is by donation. For more info or to register **call 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org.**

SOUP SALE: Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church, Buttonwood will be selling Tortellini Soup on Thurs., March 2. Pick-up time is 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Pre-orders appreciated. For more info call (570) 825-6370.

LENTEN REGULATIONS: As Jesus fasted 40 days in the desert, the Church traditionally fasts during Lent. A form of bodily prayer, fasting and abstinence in union with other Christians reminds us of our utter dependence on and love for God. A gesture of repentance, fasting is symbolic of change of heart as we turn away from sin to live in fidelity to the Gospel. **Fasting:** Ages 18-59 fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, limiting ourselves to one full meal and two smaller meals each day, with no snacking between meals. **Abstinence:** Catholics age 14 and older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. **Easter Duty Obligation:** After they have received their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving at least once a year. The precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess their sins at least once a year but this is not limited to the Lenten-Easter Season.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES: There will be three (3) Masses on Ash Wednesday, March 1 at 8:00 a.m., Noon and 5:30 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Praying the Stations of the Cross is a way to embrace the passion of Jesus as we journey through Lent. Please join Fr. Dang every Friday evening at 6 p.m. in St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church for this Lenten devotion.

2017 CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE: "MARY'S CALL TO BATTLE": Will be held Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at King's College Scandlon Physical Education Center 149 N. Main St. Wilkes-Barre. $35 (Early Bird $30 until 4/15/17), Student $15, Light breakfast and box lunch included. Info and registration: (570) 207-2213/www.BeAManConference.com.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: The Pastoral Council will meet on Monday, February 27 at 7 p.m. in the Church Hall. Please attend. If you cannot attend contact Father Dang at (570) 825-6669 or Bernadette Druby at (570) 823-5287 or by email at nana_berni@msn.com. Thank you.

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, 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, Jared Banesh, Mary Jo Murphy, George Warman, David Bukoski Jr., Kate and Jacob Ide, Mary Tomasko, Jonathan Elick, Jimmy Kinney, Peanut Frantz, Sally Hooper, Janet Tyson, Sara White, Richard Prestas, Robert Norkus, Dan R., Elaine Golias, Joseph Cianciotta, Christie Wolff and Cynthia Sickler and the faithful departed especially Catherine (Yurkoski) Yorkovsky 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	02/20	8:00 AM	Rose Mesko	Rita Martin
Tuesday	02/21	8:00 AM	Carole Chapasko Abbott	Regina Chmil & Family
Wednesday	02/22	8:00 AM	No Mass	
Thursday	02/23	8:00 AM	Carole Chapasko Abbott	The Calabro's
Friday	02/24	8:00 AM	Ruth McNeil	Mr. & Mrs. Steve Biernacki
Saturday	02/25	4:30 PM	Edward & Edna Madrak	Lance & Marianne Baseski
Sunday	02/26	8:30 AM	Paul A. Latzko	Florence Jablowski
		11:00 AM	Kevin J. Clarke	Baiamonte Family

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF DAWN MULLIN BY THE MULLIN FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF BASESKI & MADRAK FAMILIES BY FAMILY AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF BILL GALARDI BY WIFE NANCY & SONS.
A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF IRENE MATUKAITIS BY NANCY BOBOS & FAMILY;
IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY BELLAS FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF ALBERT RUSAK BY WIFE & FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF FRANCES "GRAMMA" BOSTON BY MCGOVERN FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF MARILYN KUKLEWICZ BY FAMILY AND IN
MEMORY OF CLAIRE WEGRZYNOWICZ BY FAMILY.
A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF CHARLES W. REVITT, SR. BY DAUGHTER MARY GRACE BLAKER AND HUSBAND DAVE; IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH MARASKI BY BARB & TOM TURINSKI & FAMILY AND IN MEMORY OF ROBERT MARASKI BY BARB & TOM TURINSKI & FAMILY.

SOUPER SUNDAY CANNED SOUPS COLLECTION THANK YOU: The Holy Name Society's 2nd Souper Bowl Soup Collection netted **400** cans of soup, over double the collection from the first year. A special thanks to all who contributed! May God Bless you abundantly for your generosity.

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

TAX STATEMENT: Itemized statements of contributions for tax purposes will be issued to any parishioner requesting one. Please call the office (570) 825-6669. Thank you.

25TH OR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2017 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sun., June 11. The event includes a 2:30 P.M. mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made by registering with the office before March 13. Please call (570) 825-6669. Thank you.

SOUP & SALAD SALE: Centenary United Methodist Church 25 N. Main St. Ashley will hold a Soup & Salad Sale Sat., Feb. 18 from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets available at the door. $5/adult & children 10 & under/$2.50.

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.

ASHLEY FOOD PANTRY

Items in special need during February: Tea, Coffee, Spaghettios and Ravioli.

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	
Weekly Collection for 02/12/17	**$5,127.85**