FEBRUARY 26, 2017
EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. LEO'S/HOLY ROSARY PARISH

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

READINGS: (March 5) Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17 Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19 Mt 4:1-11 Like Adam and Eve, Jesus was tempted, but did not sin. Our sinfulness is acquitted through one man, Jesus Christ, in whom we are justified.

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

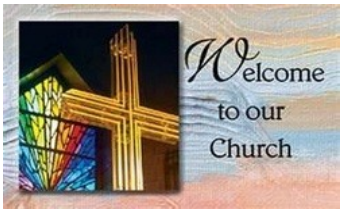
CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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

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.

CHILDREN'S MASS: There will be a children's Mass on Sunday, March 5 at 8:30 a.m. Please bring your children to attend and participate in the mass.

CYRENIANS NIGHT AT THE RACES: Is Sat., Feb. 25 in the Church Hall. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. Food is served at 6 p.m. Post time is 7 p.m. Admission is $5.00. You must be 21 years of age to attend.

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.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY LENTEN FOOD SALES: Begin Fri., March 3, noon - 5 p.m. Orders for quarts of potato pancake batter must be called into the Rectory (570) 825-6669 before 10 a.m. on Thursdays. The specialty item March 3 is Pizza by the Slice. The menu includes manhattan clam chowder, mushroom soup, pirohy, halushki, tuna hoagies, fudge brownies, coffee, soda and bottled water. Eat in or take out.

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. 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. The greeter for Sat., March 4 at 4:30 p.m. is Ellen Davis and for Sun., March 5 at 8:30 a.m. is 1st grade CCD and at 11:00 a.m. is Bonnie Lazar. Thank you for your faithful service to our parish.

CANTOR SCHEDULE: Sat., March 4 at 4:30 p.m. Melanie; Sun., March 5 at 8:30 a.m. Bob & at 11:00 a.m. Lynn. 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 $22,903.00 which is 65% of our goal. Thank you and God Bless.

ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN'S SOCIETY MEETING: Will be 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING: Will be Tues., Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. in the Church Hall. Plans for the upcoming annual breakfast in May will be discussed. All members are urged to attend.

ALTAR SERVER MEETING: Will be Sat., March 4 from 9:15 a.m. -10:15 a.m. All servers are asked to attend and any child 8 years and older who wants to serve and has received First Holy Communion is eligible and welcome to attend. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to the newly baptized member of our parish Ruby Le, daughter of Loc Huu Le and Ngan Nguyen, on Sunday, Feb. 19. May God Bless them.

2017 CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE: "MARY'S CALL TO BATTLE": Will be Saturday, May 6, 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: Will be 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.

HAM & CABBAGE DINNER: Holy Family Parish, Sugar Notch will hold its annual Ham & Cabbage Dinner, Sat., March 11 in their Church Hall. Take outs 3 - 7 p.m. and dinner 4 –7 p.m. Call (570) 822-8983 for info.

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.

CONFESSION: The Church encourages us to make confession a regular part of our spiritual life, especially during the holy season of Lent, as we reflect on our baptism and repentance. Again this year, parishes are participating in a Lenten initiative called The Light Is On For You. Every Monday evening during Lent, St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church and each parish throughout the Diocese of Scranton will have their "lights on" from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for confession so that Catholics can return to God's grace, mercy and healing.

SOUP & SCRIPTURE: St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church will join Centenary United Methodist and Ashley Presbyterian for Soup and Scripture Time each Thursday evening during the 6 weeks of Lent. St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church will host this event in the Church Hall beginning at 6 p.m. Please attend. 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 Thomas Sutton and Agnes Gregory 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	02/27	8:00 AM	Edward J. Kennedy Jr.	C.J. & Amanda Shields
Tuesday	02/28	8:00 AM	Regina "Jeannie" Langan	Betty Callahan & Family
Ash	03/01	8:00 AM	For Conversion & Salvation of Loved Ones	Family
Wednesday		12:00 PM	Carole Chapasko Abbott	Angie, Jackson & Don
		5:30 PM	Geraldine Cooney	James Casey
Thursday	03/02	8:00 AM	Elizabeth Bryski	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph & Irene Clarke
Friday	03/03	8:00 AM	Elizabeth Henichek	Her Family
		6:00 PM	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday	03/04	4:30 PM	Deceased Dobranski & Rygielski Family	Dobranski Family
Sunday	03/05	8:30 AM	John & Virginia Helfrich	George & Nancy Lehman
		11:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK FOR THE HEALING OF COLLEEN LORELLI BY AUNT MARY AND IN MEMORY OF ELIZABETH HENICHEK BY HER FAMILY.
A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK FOR THE HEALING OF BERNADETTE DRUBY BY THE EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION; IN LOVING MEMORY OF BILL GALARDI BY WIFE NANCY & SONS AND IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY BELLAS FAMILY.
A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK FOR THE LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF ST. LEO'S/HOLY ROSARY CHURCH.

CANDLES

There are Sanctuary, Blessed Mother and Sacred Heart Candles available for 2017. If you would like to dedicate a candle for someone, please call the rectory at (570) 825-6669. Thank you.

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.

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.

PARISH MINISTERS' SCHEDULE: For March 4 - April 30 including Holy Week & Easter for the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors & Youth Altar Servers is in the Sacristy for pick up. Please find a replacement if you cannot serve on the dates assigned. If you have any special requests for the next schedule or are no longer able to serve, contact Toni Riscavage @ (570) 868-8215 or alrisc@hotmail.com. Thank you.

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 02/19/17	**$6,358.13**