MARCH 19, 2017
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

ST. LEO'S/HOLY ROSARY PARISH

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

READINGS: (Mar. 26) Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Ps23:1-6 Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 Samuel does not see as God sees in the choice of David, who is anointed with oil. As Jesus cures the blind man, so too are we brought from darkness into light through the grace of baptism.

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!

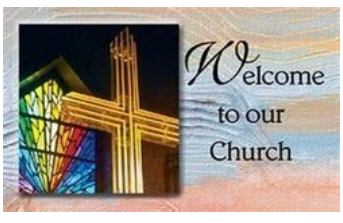
CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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

NO CCD: Due to weather conditions, CCD Classes are cancelled for Sunday, March 19. Thanks.

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, April 2 at 8:30 a.m. Please bring your children to attend and participate in the mass.

PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES: On behalf of our Bishop, Joseph C. Bambera, Deacon Edward T. Kelly, Diocesan Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies, is visit our parish this week-end March 18-19, to invite us to renew our commitment to the worldwide mission of Jesus through your membership in the Society of the Propagation of the Faith. Envelopes will be provided for those who want to become members.

We are called to be missionary - to spread the Good News of Jesus here at home among family and friends (and strangers) and, as Scripture tells us, and Pope Francis urges us, "...even to the ends of the earth."

Only two collections for the Missions of the Church are taken each year through the Pontifical Mission Societies: the **first** by a visiting Missionary assigned to the Propagation of the Faith Office, or by a representative of the Propagation of the Faith Office speaking for Membership; the **second** is World Mission Sunday, which falls this year on October 21-22, 2017.

Today I ask you to enter into the worldwide missionary work of the Church - to answer the call that comes to us at Baptism when we commit ourselves to be followers of Christ. The Propagation of the Faith, under the Holy Father, is the Church's central means of support for the poor and struggling mission dioceses of the world. It is simply "all of us committed to the worldwide mission of Jesus."

Through the Propagation of the Faith, all of us here at St Leo's/Holy Rosary Parish can respond to the call - to the responsibility - to be Christ's witnesses to all the word. Let us share our faith today with those who have not heard the "Good News."

HOLY NAME SOCIETY LENTEN FOOD SALES: Every Friday during Lent, 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 24 is Mac & Cheese. The menu includes Manhattan clam chowder, mushroom soup, pi-rohy, halushki, tuna hoagies, fudge brownies, coffee, soda and bottled water. Eat in or take out.

GREETERS: The greeter for Sat., March 18 at 4:30 p.m. is Fran Spencer and for Sun., March 19 at 8:30 a.m. are Barbara & Dan Piestrak and at 11:00 a.m. are Rose Murray & Trish Savitsky. The greeter for Sat., March 25 at 4:30 p.m. is and for Sun., March 26 at 8:30 a.m. is and for 11:00 a.m. is Thank you for your faithful service to our parish.

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

PROJECTS UPDATE: Installation of the canopy on the new steps is underway. Once done, Tom Hooper and some parishioners who do electrical work will install new lighting. This will complete the second major project undertaken--the steps and replacement of the air conditioning system. The statue of St. Joseph has been installed. It is a beautiful rendition of St. Joseph holding the child Jesus. Please stop and say a prayer at our statues. Classrooms in the Ed Center are being painted. This work follows installation of new windows and exterior work. Further exterior renovations are planned for 2017. We thank all donors who have contributed toward the projects. Please continue to support our parish projects. All work, completed and planned, is being made possible by donations from church organizations, parishioners and friends of St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church. Again, thank you! Let us join hands together to do God's work. May God's love and blessings be with you always.

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 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 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.
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.
WASHING THE FEET: Those who would like to volunteer (can be an entire family, children or members of Lay Ministry) to have your feet washed on Holy Thursday, April 13 at the 7:00 p.m. Mass, please see Father Dang or call the Rectory at (570) 825-6669. Thank you and God Bless 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, 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, Cynthia Sickler, Jim Altavilla and Elaine Warman and the faithful departed especially Carol Tarence 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	03/20	8:00 AM	Michael Collins	Family
Tuesday	03/21	8:00 AM	Elizabeth Moore Dorris	Sharon Koter
Wednesday	03/22	8:00 AM	No Mass	
Thursday	03/23	8:00 AM	Nancy McGovern	Her Family
Friday	03/24	8:00 AM	Joseph C. Kordek	Dr. Frank & Carol Krakowski
		6:00 PM	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday	03/25	4:30 PM	Henry Zasada	Wife & Family
Sunday	03/26	8:30 AM	Irene Gawlik Sweeney	Tom & Mary Ann Potsko
		11:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF NANCY MCGOVERN BY HER FAMILY AND IN MEMORY OF ROD LUCAS JR. BY AUDREY LUCAS-BALL AND HUSBAND LEONARD.
A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN HONOR OF REGINA CHAPASKO'S 94TH BIRTHDAYBY FLORENCE BORKOWSKI; IN LOVING MEMORY OF BILL GALARDI BY WIFE NANCY & SONS; IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY MOM, DAD, CASEY & JARED AND IN MEMORY OF ALBERT RUSAK BY WIFE DOROTHY.
A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF EDMUND WITKOSKI BY WIFE & FAMILY AND IN MEMORY OF LEONARD WEGRZYNOWICZ BY FAMILY.

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.

2017 SUMMER FESTIVAL MEETING: A meeting to plan the 2017 Summer Festival will be held Mon., March 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Hall. St. Leo's/Holy Rosary's Summer Festival will be **June 22, 23 & 24.** Anyone who would like to help with the planning is asked to attend. Thank you and God Bless you always.

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.

2016 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: "Living Faith Serving with Mercy." Our Parish Goal is $35,000.00. So far we have donated $23,083.00 which is 66% of our goal. Thank you and God Bless.

DIOCESAN VOCATION EVENT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: Fri., March 24 from 7- 9 p.m. at Divine Mercy Parish, 312 Davis St., Scranton. For more info contact Dominick at (570) 780-2996.

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 Ed Center 149 N. Main St. WB. $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.

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 Lent:
Week #3 Cereal
Week #4 Cookies/Candy for Easter
Week #5 Pancake Mix & Syrup
Week #6 Soup & Ramen Noodles
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 03/12/17	**$6,301.75**