MARCH 26, 2017
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

ST. LEO'S/HOLY ROSARY PARISH

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

READINGS: (April 2) Ez 37:12-14 Ps 130:1-8 Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45 Jesus is our resurrection and our life. Because he has given us of the Spirit, we are no longer dead because of sin, but alive. In Jesus is the fullness of redemption.

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, April 23, 2017 at 2 p.m. All are welcome!

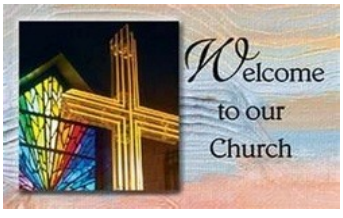
CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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

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 31 is Lasagna. The menu includes Manhattan clam chowder, mushroom soup, pirohy, halushki, tuna hoagies, fudge brownies, coffee, soda and bottled water. Eat in or take out.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY HAM & KIELBASA BINGO: The bingo will be Sun., April 2 starting at 1 p.m. in the Church Hall. The kitchen will be open! Thank you for your support and patronage!

CYRENIANS' SEDER SUPPER: On Wed., April 12 the Cyrenians will be having their annual Covered Dish "Seder Supper". Anyone wishing to attend, please call the church or Jackie Lehman at (570) 823-6633 and give your name, how many are attending and what you will bring. It is a covered dish supper and no desserts are requested and you will need to bring your own juice, soda, water or wine for your attendees. Thank you.

THANK YOU: Thank you for your generosity to the 2nd collection last weekend for Pontifical Mission Societies. May God Bless you always.

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to the newly baptized member of our parish Emma Rae Werner daughter of Michael and D'Arcy Werner on Sunday, March 19. May God Bless them.

GREETERS: The greeter for Sat., March 25 at 4:30 p.m. is Mary Lou Cook and for Sun., March 26 at 8:30 a.m. are Mary Carol & John Gabla and for 11:00 a.m. is Marianne Shulo. The greeter for Sat., April 1 at 4:30 p.m. is Maggie Falchek and for Sun., April 2 at 8:30 a.m. is K CCD and at 11:00 is Rose Mary Strish. Thank you for your faithful service to our parish.

CANTOR SCHEDULE: Sat., April 1 at 4:30 p.m. Marie; Sun., April 2 at 8:30 a.m. Bob and at 11:00 a.m. Melanie. 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING: Will be Tues., March 28 at 7 p.m. in the Church Hall. All members are urged to attend.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: The Feast of Divine Mercy will be held at St. Maria Goretti Parish, Laflin Rd., Laflin on Sun., April 23 beginning at 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Rev. Thomas Petro, JCL will be the principal celebrant and homilist. For more information, call Cathy Mack at (570) 654-6063.

CHRISM MASS: All the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are invited to attend the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, on Tuesday, April 11, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

2017 SUMMER FESTIVAL: St. Leo's/Holy Rosary's Summer Festival is scheduled for **June 22, 23 & 24.** Please save these important dates in your calendar. Thank you and God Bless 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 Jerry Gillis 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	03/27	8:00 AM	Special Intentions	
Tuesday	03/28	8:00 AM	Marybeth Koviack	Alfred & Georgine Bukavich
Wednesday	03/29	8:00 AM	No Mass	
Thursday	03/30	8:00 AM	Francis Borzell	Ray Clarke HBPS
Friday	03/31	8:00 AM	Katherine Lewandoski	Jack, Sharon, Grandchildren & Great-grandchildren
		6:00 PM	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday	04/01	4:30 PM	Martha & George Pacropis	Sister & Family
Sunday	04/02	8:30 AM	Carol A. Tarence	Pat & Brenda Aregood
		11:00 AM	Mary Gdovin Svetz	Marianne Shulo

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF VERA SPAAR BY FRANCES GUTOSKY.
A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY MOM, DAD, CASEY & JARED; IN MEMORY OF ALBERT RUSAK BY WIFE, DOROTHY AND FOR A SPECIAL INTENTION.
A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN LOVING MEMORY OF BILL GALARDI BY WIFE, NANCY & SONS.

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.

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.

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.

LENTEN SLOVAK HYMN-SING: Traditional Stations of the Cross in Slovak will be held, Sun., April 2 at 2 p.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Parish at St. Mary's Church of the Immaculate Conception 134 S. Washington St., WB. For info please contact Magdalen Benish at (570) 823-1222. Thank you.

RETREAT: There will be a Retreat on Thurs., March 30 from 5:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. at St. Ignatius Parish 339 N. Maple Ave., Kingston. Please contact Jennifer at (570) 207-2213 for information. Thank you.

ASHLEY FOOD PANTRY
Items in special need during Lent:
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 03/19/17	**$5,903.34**
2nd Collection Pontifical Mission Services	**$701.75**