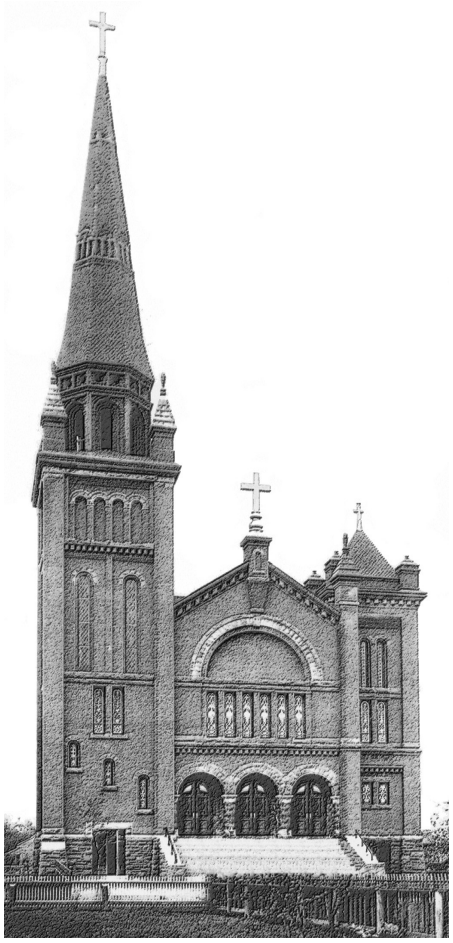

DECEMBER 3, 2017
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. LEO'S/HOLY ROSARY PARISH

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Web Site:	www.stleos-holyrosary.org
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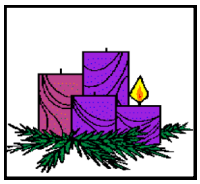
Weddings:	Call the Rectory

READINGS: (Dec. 10) Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ps 85:9-14 2Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8
As we await new heavens and a new earth, let us make clear the way of the Lord by being servants of justice, truth, and peace.



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, December 10 at 2 p.m. All are welcome!

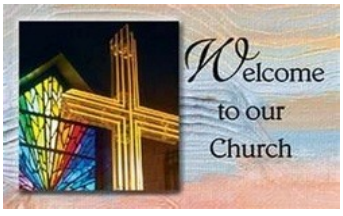
CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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 class at 10:30 a.m. when you may be arriving for 11:00 a.m. Mass. Thank you.

SAVE THESE IMPORTANT DATES: First Penance - Sat., Jan. 27, 2018 at 11 a.m.; **First Holy Communion** - Sun., May 6, 2018 at 11 a.m. and **Confirmation** - Tues., May 15, 2018 at 5 p.m. at St. Nicholas Church, WB. Please mark these dates on your calendar. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S MASS: There will be a Children's Mass on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 8:30 a.m. Please bring your children to attend and participate in the mass. Thank you.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE: St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church, Sun., Dec. 10 at 4 p.m.; Holy Family Church, Sugar Notch, Tues., Dec. 12 at 7 p.m.; Our Lady of Hope, Wilkes-Barre, Mon., Dec. 18 at 6 p.m. and St. Faustina Parish, Nanticoke Mon., Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. Please come.

CHRISTMAS MASSES: Sun., Christmas Eve, December 24th at 4:00 p.m. and 10 p.m. and Mon., Christmas Day, December 25th at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, FRI., DEC. 8: We celebrate the patronal day of the United States, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We believe she was free from the stain of sin from the moment of her conception. Mary is the perfect Advent model for us. As we imitate her faithfulness, we say "yes" to God's invitation to bring Christ to the world. **The Vigil Mass is Thurs., Dec. 7 at 5:15 p.m. There will be 2 Masses Friday, Dec. 8 at 8:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. at St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church.** Please come to honor our Blessed Virgin Mary.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY LOTTERY CALENDARS: Will be for sale before and after all weekend masses in December. **Workers:** Sat., Dec. 2 at 4:30 p.m. Christine Casey and Sun. Dec. 3 at 8:30 a.m. Bonnie Lazar and at 11:00 a.m. Bonnie Lazar & Michele Casey; Sat., Dec. 9 at 4:30 p.m. Jean Schappert and Sun., Dec. 10 at 8:30 a.m. Lee Wolfe and at 11:00 a.m. Bonnie Lazar & Mary Heiser; Sat., Dec. 16 at 4:30 p.m. Christine Casey and Sun., Dec. 17 at 8:30 a.m. Lee Wolfe and at 11:00 a.m. Bonnie Lazar & Mary Heiser; Sat., Dec. 23 at 4:30 p.m. Christine Casey and Sun., Dec. 24 at 8:30 a.m. Lee Wolfe and at 11:00 a.m. Bonnie Lazar & Mary Heiser; Sat., Dec. 30 at 4:30 p.m. Christine Casey and Sun., Dec. 31 Lee Wolfe at 8:30 a.m. and at 11:00 a.m. Bonnie Lazar & Mary Heiser.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY THANK YOU: To everyone who helped in any way for our recent bake sale. It was a great success!

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY: Will meet Sun., Dec. 10 after the 11 a.m. Mass to fill buckets for the Ashley Food Pantry.

ANNUAL PARISH GIVING TREE: Will stand in the sanctuary until Sun., 12/17. Paper ornaments will list the age and gender (infant to age 17) of the children. The gifts will go to the children served by our food pantry and/or parish children in need. There will also be ornaments for adult men/women. Gifts for adults will go to the homeless served by Catholic Social Services. Please take an ornament; purchase a gift; and place the UNWRAPPED package with the ornament taped to it, under the Giving Tree. DISTRIBUTION of gifts will take place from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Sun., 12/17 in the Church hall. Thank you and God Bless you.

2017 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: "Walk Together in the Light of Christ." We are asked to renew our commitment to support the local Church and the greater community by sharing God's gifts with those in need. Our Parish Goal is $35,000.00 and we have raised $19,270.00 to date! Please be generous. Thank you.

2017 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL TEXT TO GIVE OPTIONS: Please consider giving $10 by texting the word LIGHT and our parish name/city to 50555. The donation will appear on your next cell phone bill. If you prefer donating a different amount by credit card or a pledge over several months, text the word APPEAL to 50555 and you will be sent to the Annual Appeal online giving site. Thank you.

SUMMER FESTIVAL 2018

Items in special need for December - Bottles of Cheer

Items can be dropped off at the rectory.

Thank you: Thank you to all who have donated. May God Bless you for your kindness and generosity!

2ND COLLECTION: There will be a 2nd collection this weekend Dec. 2/3 for Care and Education of Priests. Please be generous. God Bless you always.

GREETERS: The greeter for Sat., Dec. 2 at 4:30 p.m. is Fran Spencer and for Sun., Dec. 3 at 8:30 a.m. are Mary Kay Gavlick & Alyssa Gayewski and at 11:00 a.m. is Rose Wallace. The greeter for Sat., Dec. 9 at 4:30 p.m. is John Walsh and for Sun., Dec. 10 at 8:30 a.m. are Angie & Jackson Chapasko and at 11:00 a.m. is Tom Heiser. Thank you for your faithful service to our parish.

CANTOR SCHEDULE: Sat., Dec. 9 at 4:30 p.m. Lynn; Sun., Dec. 10 at 8:30 a.m. Bob and at 11:00 a.m. Julianna. Thank you for your faithful service to our parish.

OPLATKI/WAFERS: Will be available in the Church vestibule until the weekend of Dec. 16/17. Donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you. **Workers:** Sat., Dec. 2 at 4:30 p.m. Maggie Falchek & Mary Carol Gabla and Sun., Dec. 3 at 8:30 a.m. Mary Lou Cook and at 11 a.m. Mary Bozinko & Marianne Shulo. Sat., Dec. 9 at 4:30 p.m. Mary Carol Gabla and Sun. Dec. 10 at 8:30 a.m. Mary Lou Cook and at 11:00 a.m. Mary Bozinko. Sat., Dec. 16 at 4:30 p.m. Maggie Falchek and Sun., Dec. 17 at 8:30 a.m. Rose Mary Strish and at 11:00 a.m. Maureen Beckley & Rose Wallace.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE: Is the week-end of **Dec. 9 & 10** in the Church hall. We invite all parishioners and friends to bake and share their favorite cookies for this fundraiser. Money made goes to support our church's needs. **Workers:** Sat., Dec. 9 at 4:30 p.m. Maggie Falchek, Mary Lou Cook, Jane Clarke, Bonnie Lazar, Mary Frances Hesier & Rose Mary Strish. Sun., Dec. 10 at 8:30 a.m. Mary Ann Fedorczyk, Bonnie Lazar & Rose Mary Strish and at 11:00 a.m. Maureen Beckley, Rose Wallace, Marianne Shulo, Donna Ranieli & Rose Mary Strish.

SHUT-IN CANDLES: The Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society together with the Holy Name Society will offer a candle for each of our parishioners who are homebound, in hospitals or nursing homes. If you know a parishioner who is ill and can't get to mass, please call the rectory at (570) 825-6669 at or Rose Mary Strish at (570) 825-3681 and we will be glad to add them to our shut in list. 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 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, 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, Richard Curry, Ann Fedak, Amanda Braley, Robert Pepperling, Appi Pepperling, Carla Schlegel, Jackson Chapasko, Margaret Sipple, Robert Bozek, Christopher Fee, Bonnie Turchin, Maryann Lavan, Richard Reed, Jesse Mendoza, Mary Benson, Sophie DeLuca, Billy Shemanski, Carl Bozinko, Mary Krupa, Ruth Kackauskas, Maureen Latzman, Rodel Dunn, Elizabeth Spagnola, Mary Jo Murphy, George Warman, David Bukoski Jr., Mary Tomasko, Jonathan Elick, Jimmy Kinney, Janet Tyson, Sara White, Robert Norkus, Dan R., Cynthia Sickler, Jim Altavilla, Elaine Warman, Lee Wolfe, Tia Toney, Missy Garbush Schneikart, John Pac, Norbert Wisniewski, Gerri Hooper, Frank Sorokach, Terry Murphy, Steve Rontinonis, Anna May Altavilla, Frank Drazba, Elaine Thornton and Melanie Mizenko and the faithful departed especially Catherine Bly Rable 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	12/04	8:00 AM	Robert Adams Sr.	The Mullin Family
Tuesday	12/05	8:00 AM	Albert J. Rusak	George & Rose Mary Strish
Wednesday	12/06	8:00 AM	No Mass	
Thursday	12/07	8:00 AM	Carole Chapasko Abbott	Helen Meys
		5:15 PM	George & Anne Strish	George & Rose Mary Strish
Friday	12/08	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
		5:30 PM	John Shulo	Marianne Shulo
Saturday	12/09	4:30 PM	Jude Schappert Sr.	Jean & Family
Sunday	12/10	8:30 AM	T. Edward Uzdilla	Judy Youngblood
		11:00 AM	Mr. & Mrs. John Hooper	Mr. & Mrs. Tom Hooper
		2:00 PM	Vietnamese Mass	

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF REBECCA & JULIA MOORE BY THE MULLIN FAMILY AND IN MEMORY OF MARY ALICE MAKOWSKI BY COLLEEN NEALON CALENTI.A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF ALBERT RUSAK BY WIFE DOROTHY; IN LOVING MEMORY OF BILL GALARDI BY WIFE NANCY & SONS; IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY BELLAS FAMILY AND IN MEMORY OF MSGR.GEORGE R. DEMUTH BY JUDY YOUNGBLOOD.A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF ALHAMAR #4 BY CATHY KENNEDY.

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.

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

ATTENTION ALL PARISH SERVERS: The schedule for Dec. 16 through Feb. 11 is in the Sacristy for pick up. It includes the Christmas and New Year Schedules. I have included a new list with phone numbers. It is very important that you pick up your schedule and find a replacement for any masses that you are unable to serve. If you have any special requests or can no longer serve, please contact Toni Riscavage at (570) 868-8215 or alrisc@hotmail.com. Thank you very much for serving our church.

FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION: At St. Mary's Church, 134 S. Washington St., WB, Sun., Dec. 3 at 2 p.m. Christmas carols and sharing Christmas memories with Slovak hospitality to follow.

THANKSGIVING CAROLS & LESSONS: Sun., Dec. 3 at 4 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church, Main St., Ashley. Donations of food and money will be taken to benefit the Ashley Food Pantry. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING EVENT: Local Chapter Alhamar Caravan No. 4 will sing Christmas carols at 7 p.m. Mon., Dec. 4 at White Haven Center and Mon., Dec. 11 at St. Joseph's Center. Volunteers are welcome to join. If interested please contact Kathy Kennedy at (570) 825-3272 for arrangements.

HANOVER AREA STUDENT COUNCIL COOKIE WALK: Sat., Dec. 9 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Hanover Area Jr./Sr. HS. Large boxes/$10 and small boxes/$5.00. Fill with as many cookies as you can.

SOUP & SALAD DINNER: Sun., Dec. 10 from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. at Centenary United Methodist Church, Ashley. For info call Luann @ (570) 824-8368 or Pastor Noss @ (570) 735-1514.

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS COOKIE WALK: Sat., Dec. 16 - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., 420 Main Rd. Hanover Twp. Containers/$9.00 your choice of cookies & platters/$35. For tickets/orders (570) 814-6444.

ASHLEY FOOD PANTRY
Items in special need for December:
Coffee, Turkey Gravy, Stuffing & Canned Fruit
Thank you: To all who have donated.

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 11/26/17	**$4,237.00**