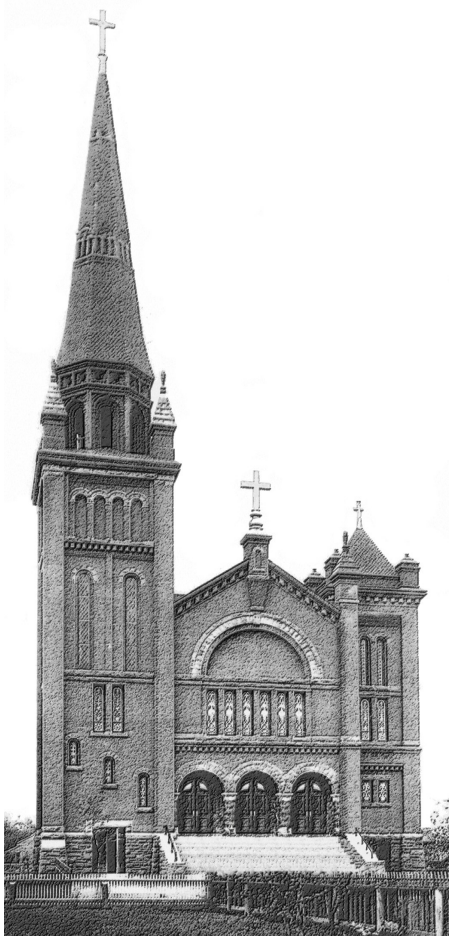

DECEMBER 10, 2017
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. LEO'S/HOLY ROSARY PARISH

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Weddings:	Call the Rectory

READINGS: (Dec. 17) Is 61:1-12a, 10-11 Lk 1:46-50, 53-54 1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
John witnesses to one who is to come, one far mightier than he, one who will proclaim freedom and deliverance from sin and death. As we await his coming again in glory, let us join with Mary in singing the praises of God.

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!

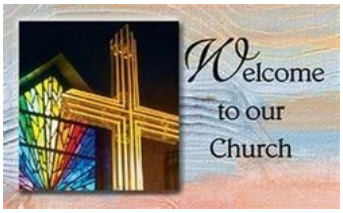
CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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 Sun., Dec. 17 at 8:30 a.m. Please bring your children to attend and participate in the mass. Thank you.

CCD CHRISTMAS PARTY: For children in CCD and their younger siblings will be Sun., Dec. 17 in the Church Hall after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. A note was sent home about the Mass/party details. If you need more info please check with any of the CCD teachers. 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, Dec. 24th at 4:00 p.m. and 10 p.m. and Mon., Christmas Day, Dec. 25th at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

CHURCH CLEANING: Cleaning of the Church for Christmas will be Tues., Dec. 12 at 9:00 a.m. Please come if you are able to help. Thank you and God Bless for your faithful service to our church.

DECORATING THE CHURCH: We will decorate the church Sat., Dec. 16 at 9 a.m. for the Christmas celebration. If you are available to help, please come. Thank you.

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

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

HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING: Is Sun., Dec. 10 after the 11 a.m. Mass. All members are asked to attend. Thank you.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING: Is Tues., Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Church Hall. All members are urged to attend. Thank you.

ST. LEO CYRENIANS' CHRISTMAS PARTY: Is Wed., Dec. 13 at 5:30 p.m. at the River Grille, Plains. All members are invited to attend.

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

ASHLEY LIONS CLUB CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY: Is Sat., Dec. 16 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. in St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church Hall. Food and drinks will be provided. Santa will be present and all children will receive a gift. For information contact the Lion's Club. Thank you.

2ND COLLECTION: There will be a 2nd collection this weekend Dec. 9/10 for Retirement Fund for Religious and Diocesan Priests. Please be generous. God Bless you always.

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!

GREETERS: 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. The greeter for Sat., Dec. 16 at 4:30 p.m. is Kate Smith and for Sun., Dec. 17 at 8:30 a.m. is 4th grade CCD and at 11:00 a.m. are Rose Murray & Trish Savitsky. Thank you for your faithful service to our parish.

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

CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE: Is this week-end **Dec. 9/10** in the Church Hall. Money made supports our church's needs. **Workers:** Sat., Dec. 9 - 4:30 p.m. Maggie Falchek, Mary Lou Cook, Jane Clarke, Bonnie Lazar, Mary Frances Hesier & Rose Mary Strish. Sun., Dec. 10 - 8:30 a.m. Mary Ann Fedorczyk, Bonnie Lazar & Rose Mary Strish & 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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: We encourage parishioners to use your Christmas Flower envelope. It helps de-fray the costs of decorating our church. The envelopes will be placed on the altar to remember and honor our loved ones. Thank you and God Bless you always.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: Every Christmas brings new hope for our world and our lives as we celebrate the birth of Christ, the Prince of Peace. Let us pray that Christ will bestow greater peace on our society and world. As we ask for Christ's gifts of peace, our parish asks for your Christmas gift for our Christmas collection. Please be generous and thank you with all my heart for your special gift to St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Parish this Christmas.

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, 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, Frank Sorokach, Terry Murphy, Steve Rontinonis, Anna May Altavilla, Frank Drazba, Elaine Thornton and Melanie Mizenko and the faithful departed 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	12/11	8:00 AM	Charlotte Benio	Charlotte L. Androckitis
Tuesday	12/12	8:00 AM	Cheryl Tomko	Family
Wednesday	12/13	8:00 AM	No Mass	
Thursday	12/14	8:00 AM	Carole Chapasko Abbott	Angie, Jackson & Don
Friday	12/15	8:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Calabros' Families	The Calabro Family
Saturday	12/16	4:30 PM	Special Intention	
Sunday	12/17	8:30 AM	For Our Parishioners	
		11:00 AM	Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Cooney	Cooney-Musial Family

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF BERNARD MAKOWSKI BY COLLEEN NEALON CALENTI AND IN MEMORY OF ROD LUCAS SR. BY AUDREY & LEONARD BALL.
A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF CATHERINE BLY RABEL BY CLARKE & BROMFIELD FAMILIES; IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH E. BRADSHAW BY NORENE BRADSHAW; IN MEMORY OF EVELYN BOZEK BY JOE &ROSEMARIE DRESS; IN MEMORY OF ALBERT RUSAK BY WIFE DOROTHY AND IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY BELLAS FAMILY.A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN LOVING MEMORY OF BILL GALARDI BY WIFE NANCY & SONS AND IN MEMORY OF CHARLES ZAVASKAS BY WOODS & OPET FAMILIES.

CANDLES

There are still 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: 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.

THANK YOU: Thank you for your generosity to the 2nd collection last weekend for Care and Education of Priests. May 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.

2018 CALENDARS: Are available in the rear of the church, please take one. Thanks to George Strish, Inc. & Lehman Family Funeral Service, Inc. for sponsoring our calendar. May God Bless them for their generosity.

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 $19,795.00 to date! Please be generous. 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.

TAX STATEMENT: In compliance with IRS regulations, all donations to be credited for 2017 must be in the office by Dec. 29. Itemized contribution statements for taxes will be given to any parishioner requesting one.

CANTOR SCHEDULE: Sat., Dec. 16 at 4:30 p.m. open; Sun., Dec. 17 at 8:30 a.m. Bob and at 11:00 a.m. Marie. Thank you for your faithful service to our parish.

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 12/03/17	**$5,703.25**
2nd Collection/Care &Education of Priests	**$575.50**