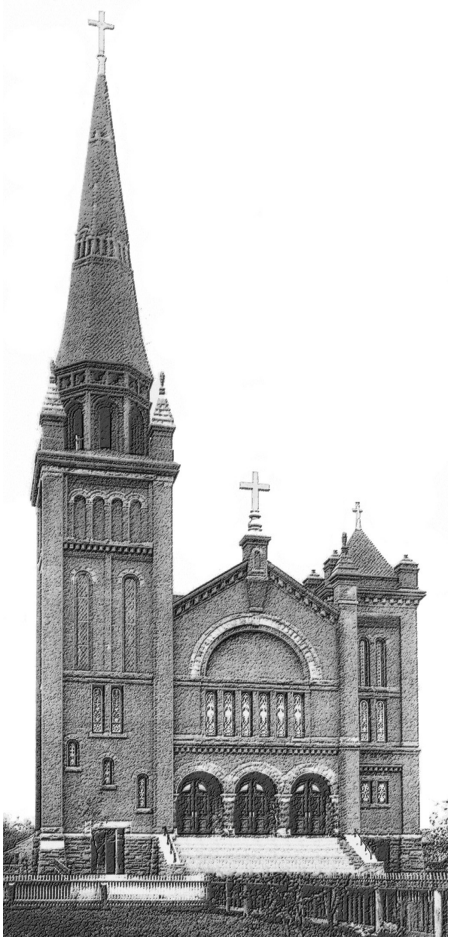

DECEMBER 17, 2017
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. LEO'S/HOLY ROSARY PARISH

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Weddings:	Call the Rectory

READINGS: (Dec. 24) 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38
David's posterity shall endure forever. His kingship finds its fulfillment in the son of Mary, Jesus the Christ. To him be glory and praise forever.

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Parish Office Hours:
Monday through Friday
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

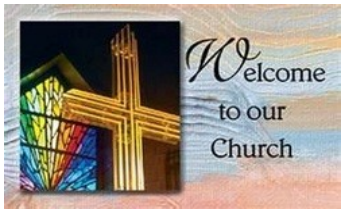
WEEKEND — Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
WEEKDAYS — 8:00 a.m. all weekdays except Wednesday
HOLY DAYS — (Vigil) 5:15 p.m., (Day) 8:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

VIETNAMESE MASS: There will be a Vietnamese Mass on Sunday, January 14 at 2 p.m. All are welcome!

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.

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 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. Thank you.

NO CCD CLASSES: Sun., Dec. 24 and Sun., Dec. 31. Classes will resume Sun., Jan. 7. Thank you.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE: 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. We offer all the Christmas Masses for the parishioners-living and deceased and for those listed on the flower intention envelopes.

THANK YOU: To those that cleaned and those that decorated the Church for Christmas. God Bless you for your faithful service to our parish.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY LOTTERY CALENDARS: Are for sale before and after all week-end masses in Dec. **Workers:** 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.

PARISH GIVING TREE: All gifts must be placed under the tree by the end of the 11 A.M. Mass on Sun., Dec. 17. Thank you.

THANK YOU: The Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society thanks all who participated in our Christmas Cookie Sale, by working, baking and purchasing the many decorative, delicious cookies. Your support helps our society buy rosaries for our First Communion class each year and candles for the Shut Ins of our parish at Christmas. It also helps us support our parish financially. May God Bless you always.

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to the newly baptized member of our parish Victoria Josephine Warke, daughter of William John Warke and April Lee Houman on Sun., Dec. 10. May God Bless them.

SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD/2018 NEW YEAR'S DAY: With the coming of the Lord Jesus, God has blessed the earth with the greatest gift: The promise of eternal life. Just as Mary reflected on the events surrounding Jesus' birth, so, too, do we ponder the many blessings God has showered on us. As the scriptures are proclaimed, let us pray that this New Year will see ever-new blessings of peace poured out on our weary world. **Masses are Mon., Jan. 1, New Year's Day at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.** Please come to offer the New Year in God's providence.

CANTOR SCHEDULE: Christmas Eve/Sun., Dec. 24 at 4:00 p.m. Marie; at 10:00 p.m. Mary Claire and Christmas Day/Mon., Dec. 25 at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Bob. Thank you for your faithful service to our parish.

OFFICE CLOSED: The office will be closed Fri., Dec. 22 and Mon., Dec. 25 in observance of Christmas.

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. 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. The greeters for Sat., Dec. 23 at 4:30 p.m. are Maggie Falchek & Linda Russo and for Sun., Dec. 24 at 8:30 a.m. are Barbara & Dan Piestrak and at 11:00 a.m. are Mary & Tom Heiser. Thank you for your faithful service to our parish.

OPLATKI/WAFERS: This is the last weekend to pick up wafers for Christmas. You can get them in the vestibule and donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you. **Workers:** 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.

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 defray 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.

ATTENTION ALL PARISH SERVERS: The schedule for Dec. 16 - Feb. 11 is in the Sacristy for pick up. It includes the Christmas and New Year Schedules and a new list with phone numbers. It is very important you pick up your schedule and find a replacement for any masses that you cannot serve. If you have any special requests or can no longer serve, please contact Toni Riscavage at alrisc@hotmail.com or (570) 868-8215. Thank you very much for serving our church.

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 especially Florence Phillips 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	12/18	8:00 AM	Mary Theresa Mullin	The Mullin Family
Tuesday	12/19	8:00 AM	Rita T. Blye	Margaret & Norman Kopiak
Wednesday	12/20	8:00 AM	No Mass	
Thursday	12/21	8:00 AM	Davey, Raymi & Sug	Zabofski Family
Friday	12/22	8:00 AM	Gilbert Cooney	Kimberly Casey-Berrettini
Saturday	12/23	4:30 PM	John & Virginia Helfrich	Family
Sunday	12/24	8:30 AM	John & Virginia Helfrich	George & Nancy Lehman
		11:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN LOVING MEMORY OF BILL GALARDI BY WIFE NANCY & SONS. A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF IDA MAE FOLEY BY HER FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF MARY LOU LUKACHKO BY PAUL, LOUISE & JOSEPH LATZKO; IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY BELLAS FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF CHUCHI SHIRLEY WINK BY VANCOSKY & GILLIS FAMILIES; A BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE FOR STANLEY KOPICZAK SR. BY WIFE IRENE & CHILDREN; IN LOVING MEMORY OF ANTHONY & MARY GALARDI BY NANCY GALARDI & SONS; IN LOVING MEMORY OF DOLORES MCGOVERN CUIRY BY NANCY GALARDI & SONS; IN MEMORY OF MARY GUPKO BY PAUL & ELAINE GOLIAS & FAMILY AND IN MEMORY OF PAULINE KUROVSKY BY PAUL & ELAINE GOLIAS & FAMILY. A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF PAUL LATZKO BY LA VERNE & AL LATZKO.

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: To those that donated to the Retirement Fund for Religious and Diocesan Priests. 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.

ALTAR SERVER & NEW LECTOR TRAINING: Will be held in January. Watch the bulletin for dates. Current altar servers are welcome to join in for refresher training or to assist in training. Parents are welcome to sit in. Children who have received First Communion are eligible to serve at the Altar of God. Adults and high school-age children are invited to join the lector ministry. For additional info, call Paul Golias, (570) 829-6251.

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 $19,915.00 to date! Please be generous. Thank you.

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.

RESPECT LIFE MASS: Sponsored by Wyoming Valley Councils, Knights of Columbus, will be held at St. Faustina Parish, Hanover St., Nanticoke, Sun., Jan. 14 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. March for Life in Washington is Jan. 19. For info contact Christopher Calore at (570) 824-5621.

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 12/10/17	**$7,243.49**
2nd Collection/Retirement Fund for Religious & Diocesan Priests	**$532.87**