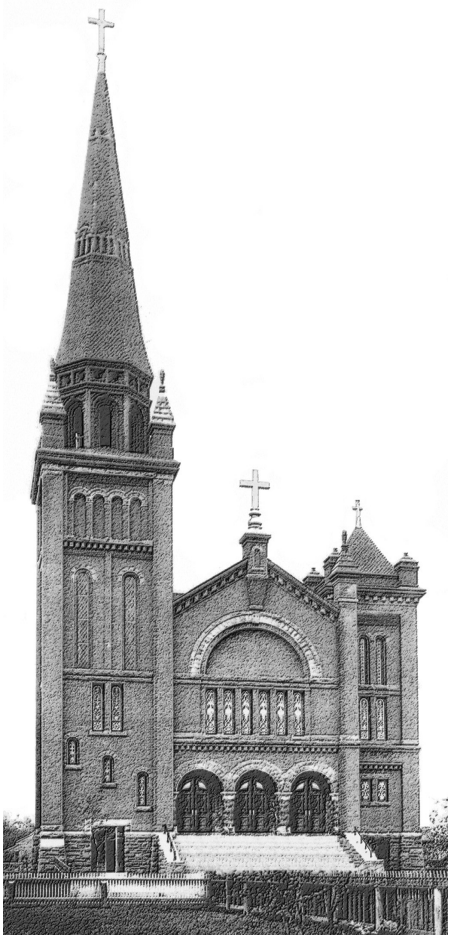

DECEMBER 25, 2017
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

ST. LEO'S/HOLY ROSARY PARISH

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CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS-SOLEMNITY OF THE BIRTH OF THE LORD:

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Our Advent journey has come to fulfillment. With overwhelming joy we have been gathered together to celebrate the birth of the Messiah.

Tidings of great joy are announced to us this day—tidings of great joy to be shared by the whole people. At this time of gift giving, let us praise the One who gave us the greatest gift ever given to the world. Let us open our minds and hearts to welcome the Messiah, who comes at this sacred moment to save us from sin and deliver us from the darkness of evil. In the person of the tiny Christ child in the manger, the promise of salvation is made manifest. O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord! May the infant Christ bless you richly with the Gifts of His LOVE as you share it with each other. Please know that you will be in ever prayer I utter throughout this Holiday Season.

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, January 14 at 2 p.m. All are welcome!

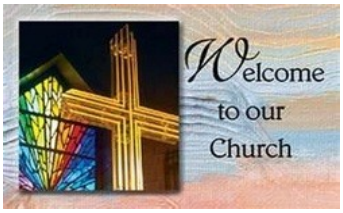
CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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.

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.

THANK YOU: To those that participated in the Children's Mass. May the Lord Bless you for your faithfulness and love to our church.

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

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.

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.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY LOTTERY CALENDARS: Are for sale before and after all week-end masses in Dec. **Workers:** 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 at 8:30 a.m. Lee Wolfe & at 11:00 a.m. Bonnie Lazar & Mary Heiser.

ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN'S SOCIETY MEETING: Wed., Jan. 3 at 1 p.m. in the Church Hall to discuss the upcoming Piggy Dinner. Thank you.

PIGGIE DINNER: The Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society will have their annual Piggie Dinner, Sun., Jan. 21 from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Cost is $10.00/adult and $5/child. Thank you.

PARISH GIVING TREE THANK YOU: To those who donated giving tree gifts. We had an overwhelming response and the less fortunate in our community have been blessed by your giving and love. A special thanks to those that sorted/distributed the gifts. A job well done! God Bless you always.

ASHLEY FOOD PANTRY THANK YOU: Thank you to all those who donate food, money or time to the Food Pantry. May God bless you for your kindness, generosity and love.

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

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 $20,275.00 to date! Please be generous. 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 info call Paul Golias, (570) 829-6251.

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 12/17/17	**$6,587.91**

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.
GREETERS: 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. The greeter for Sat., Dec. 30 at 4:30 p.m. is Kate Smith and for Sun., Dec. 31 at 8:30 a.m. are Angie & Jackson Chapasko and for 11:00 a.m. is Rose Wallace. Thank you for your faithful service to our parish.
ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN'S SOCIETY THANK YOU: To those who bought Oplatki to share at Christmas Eve dinner. Thank you for keeping our old traditions alive. We wish you a Blessed Christmas.
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.
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

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 the faithful departed especially Maryalice Koneski and Melanie Mizenko 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	12/25	8:30 AM	For Our Parishioners	
		11:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Tuesday	12/26	8:00 AM	Louise Fitser	Dennis Carlin
Wednesday	12/27	8:00 AM	No Mass	
Thursday	12/28	8:00 AM	Rosemary Boyle	Son Billy, Donna & Shannon Boyle
Friday	12/29	8:00 AM	Paul Chmil Sr.	Patti & Mike Knighton
Saturday	12/30	4:30 PM	Anna Aleszczyk	Merlie & Barger Family
Sunday	12/31	8:30 AM	For Our Parishioners	
		11:00 AM	Katherine Lewandoski	Jack, Sharon, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

AS WE CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS, A CANDLE IN FRONT OF THE BLESSED MOTHER OR THE SACRED HEART WILL BE LIT FOR HEALTH & BLESSINGS BY THE ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN'S SOCIETY & THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY FOR: NANCY ALBEE, LORETTA BALBERCHAK, THE BELLAS FAMILY, CARL BOZINKO, JERRY CAVANAUGH, REGINA CHAPASKO, ROSE MARY CLARK, PATRICK DIESO, DOROTHY DOBISH, MARIETTA GDOVIN, MARY GOLIAS, ELIZABETH GRANT, ADAM HAVELY, JOHN & KATHRYN HRICHISON, MARGARET KORDEK, MARY KRUPA, BILL MITCHELL, ROBERT & APPI PEPPERLING, FLAVIA & ANTHONY POLLICK, MARY ALICE ROWLEY, DOROTHY RUSAK, LORRAINE SHINKO, ED SHOVLIN, KAY SVETZ, MARY TOMASKO, KATHERINE VEROSTEK, MARGE WOZNOCK AND JUNE WALSH.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF TOM HART SR. BY WIFE JO & FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF MARGARET MARASKI BY BARB & TOM TURINSKI & FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF TED MCGOVERN BY FRAN POLANIN; IN MEMORY OF PAUL LATZKO BY PAUL, LOUISE & JOSEPH LATZKO; IN MEMORY OF DECEASED MEMBERS/FRIENDS OF MCCANN & ORAVIC FAMILIES AND IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH MARASKI BY TOMMY, JOEL, JUSTIN, HOLLY, JASE & JOSHUA TURINSKI.

A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF MELANIE MIZENKO BY THE ALTAR & ROSARY/ ST. ANN'S SOCIETY & THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY; IN MEMORY OF CATHERINE & BONAVENTURE LOMBARDELLI BY BERNADETTE DRUBY; IN MEMORY OF PATRICIA & LEO DRUBY BY BERNADETTE DRUBY; IN LOVING MEMORY OF BILL GALARDI BY WIFE NANCY & SONS; IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY BELLAS FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF ROSS A. BECKLEY BY WIFE & FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF DEBORAH KLINGLER BY MOM & FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF BETTY LEWIS BY JACK, SUSAN, BETTY JO & FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF KIMBERLY MCGOVERN PLISKA BY MOM & DAD; FOR DECEASED MEMBERS OF MCGOVERN & BOSTON FAMILIES BY JIM MCGOVERN FAMILY; FOR STANLEY KOPICZAK SR. BY WIFE & CHILDREN;

FOR ALL LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN'S SOCIETY BY THE SOCIETY; IN MEMORY OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF MCINTYRE FAMILY BY JOHN & ALICE BOTSKO; IN MEMORY OF SALLY HOOPER BY HOOPER & CURRY FAMILIES; IN MEMORY OF ALBERT RUSAK BY WIFE DOROTHY; IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL & JOSEPHINE KENDRA BY CARL & MARY BOZINKO; IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH & JULIA BOZINKO BY CARL & MARY BOZINKO; IN MEMORY OF MARYALICE KONESKI BY LAUFER FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF JOHN & ANNA FOY BY FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF PETER & EDNA FEDORCZYK BY FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF PATSY FOY BY FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF MARYALICE LANGAN KONESKI BY NANCY GALARDI & SONS; IN MEMORY OF MARYALICE KONESKI BY CLARKE, BLY & BROMFIELD FAMILIES; IN LOVING MEMORY OF VINCENT, MILLIE & ROBBIE NARDONE FROM THEIR FAMILY; IN LOVING MEMORY OF MARYBETH KOVIACK & JOANIE THOMAS FROM CAROLE KNEAL & GARY BURCZY AND IN MEMORY OF ANNA LORRAINE & JOSEPH MERLIE

BY THE BARGER FAMILY.

A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF MARGARET HANNON BY THE HANNON FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF JACK & NANCY MCGOVERN BY THEIR FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF MCGOVERN FAMILY BY BILL & ANN MARIE VANCOSKY; IN MEMORY OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF VANCOSKY FAMILY BY BILL & ANN MARIE VANCOSKY; IN MEMORY OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF CONAHAN FAMILY BY BILL & ANN MARIE VANCOSKY; IN MEMORY OF EDWARD P. HARKINS III BY CLARKE, BLY & BROMFIELD FAMILIES; IN LOVING MEMORY OF BRUNO TERKALA BY GLORIA TERKALA; IN MEMORY OF JAMES CURRY JR. BY CURRY & HOOPER FAMILIES; IN MEMORY OF HENRY SUNDAY BY CATHERINE SUNDAY; IN MEMORY OF GREGORY POLICARE JR. BY JIM & MISSY CURRY; IN LOVING MEMORY OF TED BURCZY FROM HIS FAMILY; IN LOVING MEMORY OF ED GAJEWSKI & JOSEPH MURRAY BY CAROLE KNEAL & GARY BURCZY; IN LOVING MEMORY OF DAN WESGAITES, PHIL VEET & ANGEL REYES BY CAROLE KNEAL & GARY

BURCZY; IN MEMORY OF MARTHA & JOSEPH BARGER BY THE BARGER FAMILY AND IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH J. MERLIE BY THE BARGER FAMILY.