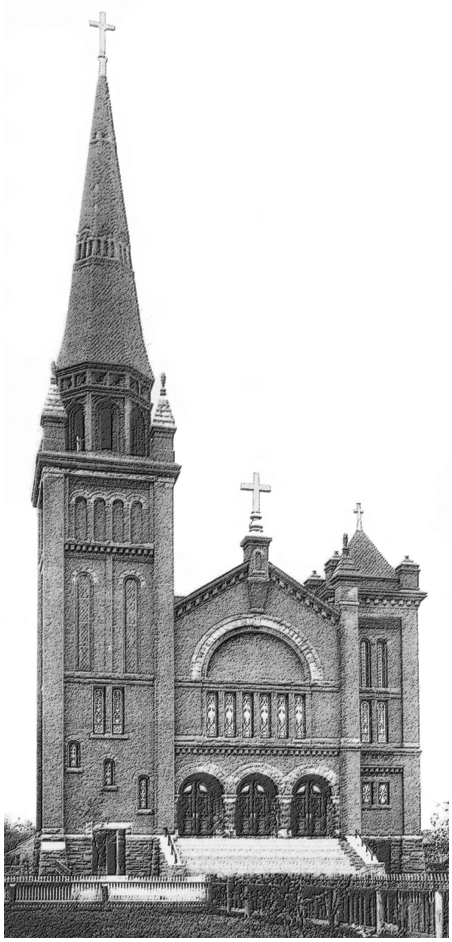

JANUARY 1, 2018
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER

ST. LEO'S/HOLY ROSARY PARISH

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Weddings:	**Call the Rectory**

Have a Blessed Healthy, and Happy New Year!

READINGS: (Jan. 7) Is 60:1-6, Ps 72:2, 7-8, 10-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12
All nations are invited to sing the Lord's praises for they have been called to hear the good news and worship the long-awaited Messiah and King with the gift of their lives.

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!

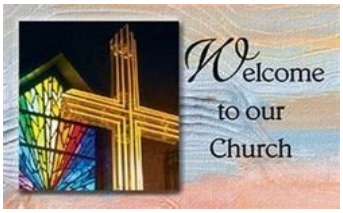
CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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.

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

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.

WINTER WEATHER: When attending mass during the winter season because of slippery conditions please enter through the church hall or use the church side door. Thank you.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY LOTTERY CALENDARS: Are for sale before and after all week-end masses. **Workers:** Sat., Dec. 30 at 4:30 p.m. Christine Casey and Sun., Dec. 31 at 8:30 a.m. Lee Wolfe and 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 Piggie Dinner. Thank you.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE/SMOKER: The Society is planning to expand its program in 2018, including an enhanced Lenten food project. We need men to join us in serving the parish...all men are eligible to join. We honor the Holy Name of God and serve Him together. The annual non-smoking smoker will be held Sun., Jan 14. For info on membership or the smoker please call Paul Golias the membership secretary at (570) 829-6251. 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.

THANK YOU: To all who made Christmas at St. Leo's/Holy Rosary a wonderful celebration: The Ministers of Liturgy and Music, (altar servers, ushers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, cantors, lectors, choir, greeters; all who contributed generously to the Christmas collection and Christmas flower collection; visitors from far and near. Father Dang also wishes to express his heartfelt thanks to all who sent cards and gifts for Christmas. May God bless you with gifts of good health, peace and happiness!

THANK YOU: A very special thank you to our Altar Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Cantors, Choir Members, Greeters, Ushers, Money Counters, Bulletin Folders, Members of the Councils, CCD Teachers, our Parish Project Committee, Youth Group, all our Societies, Ashley Food Pantry volunteers, and all the Volunteers of our Parish who made our parish vibrant and alive throughout the year 2017. May God reward you for your devotion to serve our parish.

THANK YOU: To all the Organizations who have been so generous to our parish projects. May God Bless you always.

ASHLEY FOOD PANTRY THANK YOU: To the anonymous donor in memory of Joseph Gorham Sr.

SUMMER FESTIVAL 2018

Items in special need for January - Gift Cards

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!

25TH OR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: His Excellency, The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, D. D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2018 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 10. The event includes a 2:30 P.M. mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made by registering with the office before Mon., March 12. Please call (570) 825-6669. Thank you.

GREETERS: 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. The greeter for Sat., Jan. 6 at 4:30 p.m. is John Walsh and for Sun., Jan. 7 at 8:30 a.m. is Open and for 11:00 a.m. is Kate Smith. Thank you for your faithful service to our parish.

ATTENTION ALL PARISH SERVERS: The schedule for Dec. 16 - Feb. 11 is in the Sacristy for pick up. It includes 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.

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.

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 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	01/01	8:30 AM	Mary & John Calabro	Family
		11:00 AM	Evelyn Bozek	Joe & Rosemarie Dress
Tuesday	01/02	8:00 AM	Anna Bukeavich	Son & Family
Wednesday	01/03	8:00 AM	No Mass	
Thursday	01/04	8:00 AM	Eugene Madrak	Lance & Marianne Baseski
Friday	01/05	8:00 AM	George & Peg Mihalchik	Family
Saturday	01/06	4:30 PM	Dennis A. & Edith Carlin	Dennis Carlin
Sunday	01/07	8:30 AM	Florence Phillips	Dolores Evans
		11:00 AM	Rita Emery	Emery Family

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MADRAK & BASESKI
FAMILIES BY LANCE & MARIANNE BASESKI AND IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH P. MCDONALD BY WIFE & FAMILY.
A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY THE BELLAS FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF JACK & NANCY MCGOVERN BY THEIR FAMILY; IN MEMORY IN ALBERT RUSAK BY WIFE DOROTHY; IN MEMORY OF KIMBERLY MCGOVERN PLISKA BY MOM & DAD; IN MEMORY OF HAROLD HANNON BY WIFE MARGARET;
IN MEMORY OF GEORGE & LIZ TAGGART BY MARGARET HANNON; IN MEMORY OF LAURA KRUCZEK BY ROSEANN POLAK AND IN MEMORY OF LEONARD & CLAIRE WEGRZYNOWICZ BY FAMILY.
A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN LOVING MEMORY OF BILL GALARDI BY WIFE NANCY & SONS;
IN MEMORY OF STEPHEN OPET JR. BY STEPHEN OPET SR; IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH & ANNE MCDONALD BY RITA MCDONALD & FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF JONATHAN ELICK BY RITA MCDONALD & FAMILY AND IN MEMORY OF DAVID SULEWSKI BY ROSEANN POLAK.

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.
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.
ANNOUNCEMENT IN BULLETIN: Attention societies and organizations, if you would like to place an announcement in the bulletin, the deadline is Tuesday. Thank you.
TAX STATEMENT: Itemized 2017 contribution statements for tax purposes will be given to any parishioner requesting one. Please call the office at (570) 825-6669. Thank you.
SOUP'S ON: We can make that happen by taking part in the Holy Name Society's Annual Souper Sunday canned soup drive. Boxes will be placed in the Church on weekends from Jan. 13-14 through Super Bowl weekend, Feb. 3-4. Any brand, any flavor! All soups go to the Ashley Food Pantry. Thank you.

ASHLEY FOOD PANTRY
Items in special need for January:
Jelly, Coffee & Soup
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 12/24 & Christmas	**$16,888.25**