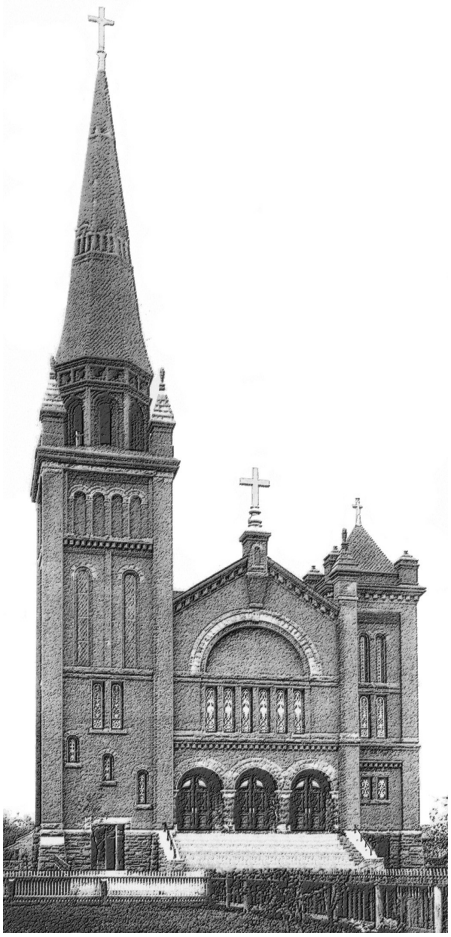

**FEBRUARY 25, 2018**
**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

# ST. LEO'S/HOLY ROSARY PARISH


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| Web Site: | www.stleos-holyrosary.org |
| Pastor: | Reverend Vincent Dang |
| Pastor Emeritus: | Reverend Thomas J. O'Malley |
| Administrative Asst: | Marianne Baseski |
| Secretary: | Marina Kachinko |
| Director of Music: | Robert Passetti |
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| Baptisms: | Call the Rectory |
| Weddings: | Call the Rectory |

**READINGS:** (March 4) Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 Ps 19:8-11 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25
The law liberates and leads us to freedom. It is to be trusted for it is a source of wisdom. Jesus speaks of the ultimate freedom to be won for us by his being raised up. He is the sign of the power and wisdom 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, March 18 at 2 p.m. All are welcome!

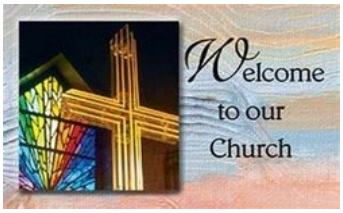
## CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

**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.

**IMPORTANT DATES: First Holy Communion** - Sun., May 6, 2018 at 11 a.m. & **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:** Sunday, March 4 at 8:30 a.m. Please bring your children to attend and participate in the mass. Thank you.

**FLU PRECAUTIONS:** Due to the widespread flu, if you are sick especially with flu like symptoms, you should stay home for the well-being of yourself and others. You are not bound by the Sunday Mass obligation. You also can exchange the sign of peace without physical contact. Thank you.

**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 and also be especially careful going up and down all of the steps. Thank you.**

**LENTEN REGULATIONS:** As Jesus fasted 40 days in the desert, the Church traditionally fasts during Lent. A form of bodily prayer, fasting and abstinence in union with other Christians reminds us of our utter dependence on and love for God. A gesture of repentance, fasting is symbolic of change of heart as we turn away from sin to live in fidelity to the Gospel. **Fasting:** Ages 18-59 fast on Good Friday, limiting ourselves to one full meal and two smaller meals each day, with no snacking between meals.

**Abstinence:** Catholics age 14 and older abstain from meat on Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. **Easter Duty Obligation:** After receiving First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving at least once a year. The precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess their sins at least once a year but this is not limited to the Lenten-Easter Season.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Praying the Stations of the Cross is a way to embrace the passion of Jesus as we journey through Lent. Please join Father Dang every Friday evening (March 2, 9, 16, & 23) at 6 p.m. in St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church for this Lenten devotion.

**CONFESSION:** The Church encourages us to make confession a regular part of our spiritual life, especially during the holy season of Lent, as we reflect on our baptism and repentance. Again, parishes are participating in a Lenten initiative called The Light Is On For You. Every Monday 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (February 26; March 5, 12, 19 & 26) at St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church and each parish throughout the Diocese of Scranton will have their "lights on" for confession so that Catholics can return to God's grace, mercy and healing.

**SOUP & SCRIPTURE:** St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church will join Centenary United Methodist and Ashley Presbyterian for Soup and Scripture Time each Thursday evening at the Presbyterian Church during the six weeks of Lent at 5:30 p.m. The theme this year is "Prayer". Please attend. Thank you.

**DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE ANNULMENT PROCESS:** In the Diocese of Scranton, the annulment process is now more "user friendly" than you might expect and there is no longer a processing fee. Please contact your pastor or the Diocesan Tribunal Office (570) 207-2246 to begin a conversation. It is possible to get clear answers to questions and to renew your connection with the Church.

**EVENING OF REFLECTION ON THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM:** The Scranton Chapter of the National Assoc. of Pastoral Musicians Evening of Reflection on the Paschal Triduum is Tues., Mar. 6 from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. at St. Ann's Basilic Parish, 1233 St. Ann St., Scranton. For more info or to register, contact David Baloga, Scranton NPM Program Director (570)207-2213 ext. 1158, or visit ScrantonNPM.com by Thurs., March 1.

**PROJECTS COMMITTEE MEETING:** Tues., Feb. 27 at 6 p.m. in the Rectory. Please attend. Thank you.

**SUMMER FESTIVAL 2018**

**Items in special need for March: Boy's & Girl's Stands**

Items can be dropped off at the rectory.

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

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING:** Tues., Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. in the Rectory. Please make every effort to attend. If you cannot attend please call Father Dang (570) 825-6669.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING:** Tues., Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. in the Church Hall. All members are urged to attend. Thank you.

**2018 SUMMER FESTIVAL MEETING:** Thursday, March 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Ed Center. Please attend.

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY LENTEN FOOD SALE:** Every Friday during Lent, Noon - 5 p.m. Orders for quarts of potato pancake batter must be called into the Rectory (570) 825-6669 before 10 a.m. on Thursdays. The menu includes Manhattan clam chowder, mushroom soup, pirohy, halushki, tuna hoagies, fudge brownies, coffee, soda and bottled water. Eat in or take out. **Friday, March 2 - Special: Spanish Rice.**

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY HAM & KIELBASI BINGO:** Sunday, March 18 in the Church Hall. Doors open at noon, games start at 1 p.m. Admission is $5 and includes baby cards. Specials and door prizes will be offered. The kitchen will be open. Soups, haluski, hot dogs and more!

**ST. LEO'S/HOLY ROSARY CHURCH CHOIR:** Is looking for additional members and anyone who plays an instrument and wants to share their talents to enhance our worship celebration please see Bob Passetti, Music Director after any mass or call him at (570) 814-1747. Adult Choir practice starts at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. Thank you and God Bless you always.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE:** Daily to Mar. 23 in front of Planned Parenthood – the largest provider of abortions in the country. Held Mon. thru Fri. at 9:00 a.m. at 63 N. Franklin St., WB. Come pray 5 decades of the rosary for an end to abortion. 40 Days for Life is a community-based campaign that draws attention to the evil of abortion through the use of a three-point program: Prayer and Fasting, Constant Vigil, and Community Outreach.

**GREETERS:** The greeter for Sat., Feb. 24 at 4:30 p.m. is Catherine Smith and for Sun., Feb. 25 at 8:30 a.m. is Mary Kay Gavlick & Alyssa Gayewski and at 11:00 a.m. is Marianne Shulo. The greeter for Sat., March 3 at 4:30 p.m. is John Walsh and for Sun., March 4 at 8:30 a.m. is 1st grade CCD and at 11:00 a.m. are Mary & Tom Heiser. Thank you for your faithful service to our parish.

**CANTOR SCHEDULE:** Sat., March 3 at 4:30 p.m. Julianna; Sun., March 4 at 8:30 a.m. Bob and at 11:00 a.m. Mary Claire. Thank you for your faithful service to our parish.

**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, 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, Frank Drazba, Elaine Thornton; Fay Klinges; Bernadette Druby 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

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| Monday | 02/26 | 8:00 AM | Dolores Savidge | Mary Jo Savidge |
| Tuesday | 02/27 | 8:00 AM | Leona J. Bunjo | Mr. & Mrs. Ray Bunjo |
| Wednesday | 02/28 | 8:00 AM | No Mass | |
| Thursday | 03/01 | 8:00 AM | Elizabeth Henichek | Family |
| Friday | 03/02 | 8:00 AM | Richard A. Tomko Sr. | Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kuklevitch |
| Saturday | 03/03 | 4:30 PM | Martha & George Pacropis | Family |
| Sunday | 03/04 | 8:30 AM | Deceased Members Rygielski & Dobranski Families | Dobranski Family |
| | | 11:00 AM | Elizabeth Dunay | Trish Bernoski |

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN LOVING MEMORY OF ROBBIE NARDONE BY HIS FAMILY.
A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF SHARON SOROKA BY JACK & SUSAN MERGO; IN MEMORY OF FRANK CLARK BY WIFE & CHILDREN; IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY BELLAS FAMLY; IN LOVING MEMORY OF BILL GALARDI BY WIFE NANCY & SONS AND IN MEMORY OF JANICE SIDLOSKI BY GARY BURCZY & CAROLE KNEAL.
A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF DANIEL PEARL BY CAROLE KNEAL; IN MEMORY OF CHARLES COLE BY WIFE & DAUGHTER AND IN MEMORY OF RICHARD WALTON BY WIFE NANCY & FAMILY.

**CANDLES**

There are Sanctuary, Blessed Mother and Sacred Heart Candles available for 2018. If you would like to dedicate a candle for someone, please call the rectory at (570) 825-6669. Thank you.

**MARRIAGE BANNS:** Are announced for the first time for Kieran Casey and Megan Sellick. A wedding mass will be held Sat., March 17 at 2 p.m. in St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church. Please pray for them.

**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.

**2018 HOLY NAME SOCIETY CANNED SOUP DRIVE:** 390 cans of soup were collected for the Ashley Food Pantry. Thank You! Our three-year total is 1,200 cans of soup donated to the needy. Look for our Super Bowl-related drive again next year and remember the food donation box in the vestibule is always available.

**TAX STATEMENT:** Will be issued to any parishioner requesting one. Please call the office to request.

**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 $22,463.00 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.

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH SUGAR NOTCH EASTER EGGS:** Milk chocolate peanut butter and dark chocolate coconut eggs available, $1.00/egg. To order call Diane (570) 371-3034 or office (570) 822-8983.

**ST. ANDREW HAM/CABBAGE DINNER:** Sun., Mar. 4 in Church Hall (St. Patrick's) Parrish St., WB 12 to 4 p.m. $12/adults includes meal and theme basket ticket. All tickets sold at door. Take-outs available.

**ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE SPAGHETTI DINNER:** Sun., Mar. 4 from Noon-4PM in Padden Hall (cafeteria). Adults/$9 and Children under age 10/$4.00.

**EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS SOUP SALE:** Thurs., Mar. 8, Vegetable Beef Soup/$8.00. For info call (570) 825-6370. Thank you.

**ASHLEY FOOD PANTRY**
**Items in special need for March:**
**Coffee, Tea & Jelly**
**Thank you:** To all who have donated.

| **COMMITMENT OF TREASURE** | |
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| *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 02/18/18** | **$6,714.50** |