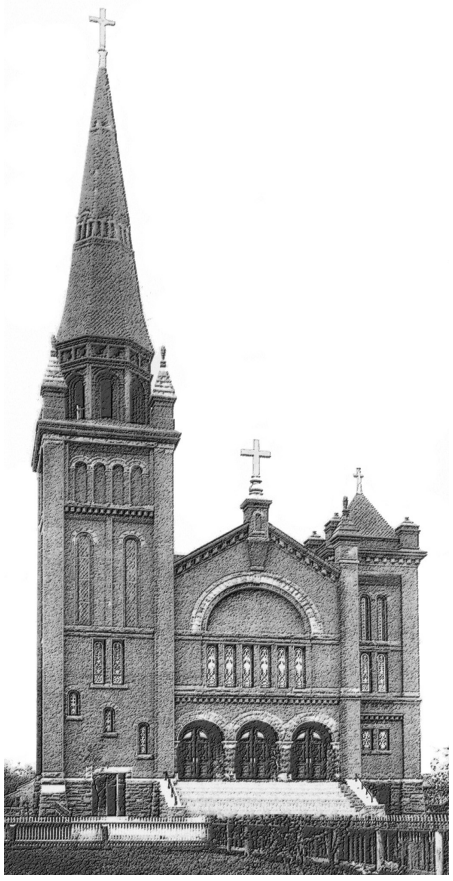

DECEMBER 23, 2018
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. LEO'S/HOLY ROSARY PARISH

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Weddings:	**Call the Rectory**

READINGS: (Sun., Dec. 30) Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 Lk 2:41-52
Family life is rooted in the unconditional love of God as witnessed by the Holy Family.

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 world. 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.

Have a Holy Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Devotedly, Fr. Vincent Dang

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, Jan. 13 at 2 p.m. All are welcome!

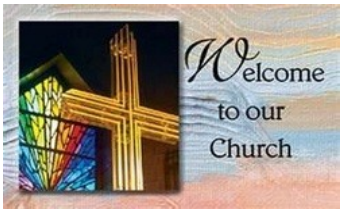
CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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 being dismissed from class at 10:30 a.m. when you may be arriving for 11:00 a.m. Mass. Thanks.

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. 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: Sun., Dec. 23 and Sun., Dec. 30. Classes will resume Sun., Jan. 6. Thank you.

SAVE IMPORTANT DATES: First Penance - Sat., Jan. 26, 2019 at 11 a.m.; **First Holy Communion** - Sun., May 5, 2019 at 11 a.m. Mass and **Confirmation** - Sun., June 9, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please mark these dates on your calendar. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS MASSES AT ST. LEO'S/HOLY ROSARY CHURCH: Mon., Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 at 4:00 p.m. and 10 p.m. and Tues., Christmas Day, Dec. 25 at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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.

PIEROGIE DISTRIBUTION: In the Church Hall after each of this weekend's Masses.

Workers: Sat., Dec. 22 at 4:30 p.m. Paul Golias & John Walsh; Sun., Dec. 23 at 8:30 a.m. Darryl Tomko, Frank Austakalnis & Michele Casey and at 11:00 a.m. Rose Mary Strish & Gildine Musial.

SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD/2019 NEW YEAR'S DAY (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION): 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. **There will be three Masses: Mon., Dec. 31, New Year's Eve Mass will be at 4:30 p.m. and Tues., Jan. 1, New Year's Day Masses will be at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.** Please come to offer the New Year in God's providence.

THANK YOU: To those who donated Giving Tree Gifts. We had an overwhelming response and were able to share with the less fortunate in our community who have been blessed by your giving and love. A special thanks to those that sorted and distributed the gifts. A job well done! God Bless you always.

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.

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.

THE ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY LOTTERY CALENDAR SALE: For the month of Feb. 2019 can be purchased before/after all masses. The calendars have two lottery numbers on each for the 7 p.m. drawing and are $5.00. If you have questions, please call Christine Casey at (570)262-5008. Thank you.

OFFICE CLOSED: Mon., Dec. 24 and Tues., Dec. 25 in observance of Christmas. Thank you.

ASHLEY FOOD PANTRY

Items in special need for December:

Turkey Stuffing, Gravy & Cranberry Sauce

Thank you: To all who have donated.

May God Bless you for your kindness and generosity!

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 12/16/18	**$5,233.39**

TAX STATEMENT: All donations to be credited for 2018 must be in the office by Fri., Dec. 28th or in the collection basket the weekend of December 22/23. **Itemized statements of contributions for tax purposes will be issued to any parishioner requesting one.**

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 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: "The Journey Makes Us One." 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. Please be generous. Our parish has raised $11,115.00 to date. Thank you and May God Bless you always.

ST. LEO'S/HOLY ROSARY CHURCH CHOIR PRACTICE: Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. All are invited. Please see Bob Passetti, Music Director after any mass or call him at (570) 814-1747 for additional information.

CANTOR SCHEDULE: Sat., Dec. 29 at 4:30 p.m. Julianna; Sun., Dec. 30 at 8:30 a.m. Bob and at 11:00 a.m. Mary Claire. Mon., Dec. 30 at 4:30 p.m. is open and Tues., Jan. 1 at 8:30 a.m. is Bob and at 11:00 a.m. is open. Thank you for your faithful service to our parish.

GREETERS: The greeter for Sat., Dec. 22 at 4:30 p.m. is Dorothy Hess and for Sun., Dec. 23 at 8:30 a.m. is Mary Lou Cook and at 11:00 a.m. is Sandy Pasternak. The greeter for Sat., Dec. 29 at 4:30 p.m. is Ellen Davis and for Sun., Dec. 30 at 8:30 a.m. are Mary Kay Gavlick & Alyssa Gayewski and at 11:00 a.m. is open. Thank you for your faithful service to our parish.

ATTENTION: EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, LECTORS & YOUTH ALTAR SERVERS: The schedule for Dec. 29 - Jan. 27 is ready to be picked up in the Sacristy. As always please find replacements if unable to serve as scheduled. Contact Toni Riscavage at alrisc@hotmail.com or (570) 868-8215 with special requests or if you are no longer able to serve. Thank you for serving our parish.

ANNOUNCEMENT IN BULLETIN: Attention societies and organizations, if you would like to place an announcement in the bulletin, the deadline is Tuesday. Thank you.

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 call the rectory (570) 825-6669. **Due to HIPPA regulations, hospitals will not provide us the names of our parishioners.** 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, Joyce Seiger, Jerry Cavanaugh, Geri Truschel, William Vancosky, Frank Kempf, Louise & Ron Brandt, Robert Lusk, Jean Wiernusz, Karen Hannis, Richard Curry, Dianne Curry, Ann Fedak, Appi Pepperling, Carla Schlegel, Jackson Chapasko, Margaret Sipple, Robert Bozek, Christopher Fee, Bonnie Turchin, Maryann Lavan, Jesse Mendoza, Mary Benson, Sophie DeLuca, Billy Shemanski, Carl Bozinko, Mary Krupa, Ruth Kackauskas, Maureen Latzman, George Warman, David Bukoski Jr., Mary Tomasko, Jonathan Elick, Janet Tyson, Sara White, Robert Norkus, Dan R., Cynthia Sickler, Jim Altavilla, Elaine Warman, Tia Toney, Missy Garbush Schneikart, John Pac, Norbert Wisniewski, Frank Sorokach, Terry Murphy, Steve Rontinonis, Elaine Thornton, Faye Klinges, Allen Scoble, Dennis Pisano, Toni Riscavage, Maggie Falchek, Irene Kopiczak, Frank Balas, Mary Ann Yedloski, Michael Ralston, Ralph Evans, Lauran McDonald, John Mazza, Llayl Swank, Thomas Gorman, Quinn Gorman, Theresa Yuknavich, Leah Cronauer, Kenneth Yermal Sr., Marie Keegan and all the faithful departed. 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	12/24	8:00 AM	Andrew & Anna Krupa	George & Rose Mary Strish
		4:00 PM	For Those Listed on the Flower Intentions	
		10:00 PM	For Our Parishioners	
Tuesday	12/25	8:30 AM	For Our Parishioners	
		11:00	For Our Parishioners	
Wednesday	12/26	8:00 AM	No Mass	
Thursday	12/27	8:00 AM	Rita Emery	Emery Family
Friday	12/28	8:00 AM	Pat Emery	Emery Family
Saturday	12/29	4:30 PM	Anna Aleszczyk	Merlie & Barger Family
Sunday	12/30	8:30 AM	Richard Reed	Ray & Maryellen Cronauer
		11:00	Stephen Beres	Beres Family

AS WE CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS, A CANDLE IN FRONT OF THE BLESSED MOTHER OR THE SACRED HEART WILL BE LIT FOR THE FOLLOWING SHUT INS FOR HEALTH & BLESSINGS BY THE ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN'S SOCIETY & THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY: NANCY ALBEE, BELLAS FAMILY, CARL BOZINKO, JERRY CAVANAUGH, REGINA CHAPASKO, ROSE MARY CLARK, PATRICK DIESO, DOROTHY DOBISH, MARIETTA GDOVIN, MARY GOLIAS, ELIZABETH GRANT, ADAM HAVELY, KATHRYN HRICHSON, ELIZABETH HUGHES, FLOSSIE JABLOWSKI, FAYE KLINGES, IRENE KOPICZAK, MARGARET KORDEK, MARY KRUPA, JOHN MAZZA, BILL MITCHELL, APPI PEPPERLING, FLAVIA & ANTHONY POLLICK, DOROTHY RUSAK, LORRAINE SHINKO, MARY TOMASKO, KATHERINE VEROSTEK, JUNE WALSH, SUSAN WITKOSKI AND DORIS YATKO.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN LOVING MEMORY OF DECEASED FAMILY & FRIENDS OF THE MCCANN & ORAVIC FAMILIES; IN MEMORY OF KIMBERLY MCGOVERN PLISKA BY MOM & DAD; IN MEMORY OF DECEASED OF MCGOVERN & BOSTON FAMILIES BY JIM MCGOVERN FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH P. MCDONALD JR. BY RITA MCDONALD & FAMILY;
IN MEMORY OF JONATHAN ELICK BY RITA MCDONALD & FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF JACK & NANCY MCGOVERN BY THEIR FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF MARYBETH KOVIACK BY SON, DAUGHTER & FAMILIES; IN LOVING MEMORY OF VINCE, MILLIE & ROBBIE NARDONE BY THEIR FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF MADRAK/BASESKI FAMILIES BY LANCE & MARIANNE
BASESKI AND IN MEMORY OF JACK MERGO BY WIFE SUSAN.

A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK FOR HEALING & SPECIAL BLESSINGS FOR MARY HEISER BY NANCY WALTON; IN MEMORY OF ROSS A. BECKLEY BY WIFE & FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF DEBORAH A. KLINGLER BY MOM & FAMILY;
IN MEMORY OF CATHERINE & BONAVENTURE LOMBARDELLI BY BERNADETTE DRUBY; IN MEMORY OF PATRICIA & LEO DRUBY BY BERNADETTE DRUBY; IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH & ANNA MERLIE BY THE BARGER FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH & MARTHA BARGER BY THE BARGER FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH J. MERLIE BY THE BARGER FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF PEGGY & JOE MARASKI BY BARB & TOM TURINSKI & FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY MOM, DAD, CASEY & JARED; IN LOVING MEMORY OF BILL GALARDI BY WIFE NANCY & SONS; IN MEMORY OF ALBERT RUSAK BY WIFE DOROTHY; IN MEMORY OF
LEONARD & CLAIRE WEGRZYNOWICZ BY FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH & ANNE MCDONALD BY RITA MCDONALD & FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF MARY HUDAK BY FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH & THERESA HUDAK BY SON JOE & FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF JOHN & ANNA HUDAK BY JOE HUDAK; FOR ALL LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN'S SOCIETY BY SOCIETY; IN MEMORY OF STANLEY KOPICZAK BY WIFE IRENE & CHILDREN; IN MEMORY OF KATHERINE SVETZ BY EVELYN SWETTS; IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL & JOSEPHINE KENDRA BY MARY & CARL BOZINKO; IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH & JULIA BOZINKO BY MARY & CARL BOZINKO; FOR ANNA & JOHN ALESZCZYK BY ALICE BELANCHIK & GEORGE BELANCHIK, FOR CATHERINE & MICHAEL BELANCHIK BY ALICE BELANCHIK & GEORGE BELANCHIK; IN MEMORY OF RICHARD WALTON BY WIFE NANCY & FAMILY; IN LOVING MEMORY OF MARYBETH KOVIACK & JOANIE THOMAS BY CAROLE KNEAL & GARY BURCZY AND IN
MEMORY OF THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE TOMKO FAMILY BY FAMILY.

A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF MARLENE COYLE BY THOMAS & MCGRADY FAMILIES;