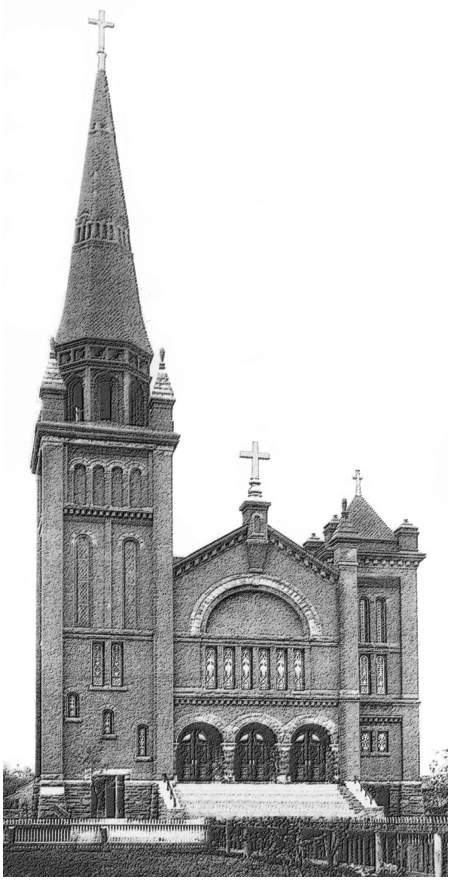

**DECEMBER 30, 2018**
**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

# ST. LEO'S/HOLY ROSARY PARISH


**33 Manhattan St.**
**Ashley, PA 18706**
**Phone: (570) 825-6669**


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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** |
| **Director of Religious Education:** | **Michele Casey** |
| **E-Mail:** | **saintlhrc@gmail.com** |
| **Baptisms:** | **Call the Rectory** |
| **Weddings:** | **Call the Rectory** |

**READINGS:** (Sun., Jan. 6) Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 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.

*Have a Blessed Healthy, and Happy New Year!*

**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!

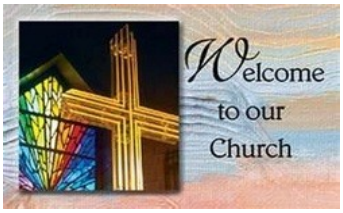
**CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

**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.

**NO CCD:** 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.

**MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR THOMAS M. MULDOWNEY:** The faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are hereby advised that John Tokarick is not a Roman Catholic Priest and is not permitted to function as a priest in the Roman Catholic Church. Furthermore, the Catholic faithful should not receive the sacraments from Tokarick or attend his celebration of the sacraments, wherever they may be held.

**THANK YOU:** Father Dang would like to thank all who made Christmas at St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church a glorious celebration. He 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!

**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.

**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.

**ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN'S SOCIETY MEETING: FRIDAY, JANUARY 4 at 2 P.M.** in the Church hall. We will be discussing our upcoming PIGGIE DINNER to be held Sun., JANUARY 20 and our Christmas Cookie Sale and Wafer Sale. All members are encouraged to attend. Dues for 2019 can be paid at the meeting. New Rosary Decade List is available at the meeting as well.

**ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN'S SOCIETY THANK YOU:** We appreciate all the support you gave us during our Christmas Wafer and Christmas Cookie Sale. Thank you for your donations and participation in our fund-raisers. God bless you all and Happy New Year.

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE/SMOKER:** We honor the Holy Name of God and serve Him together. The annual non-smoking smoker will be held Sun., Jan 13 at 2 p.m. For info on membership or the smoker please call Paul Golias the membership secretary at (570) 829-6251. 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. 12-13 through Super Bowl weekend, Feb. 2-3. Any brand, any flavor! All soups go to the Ashley Food Pantry. Thank you.

**RESPECT LIFE MASS:** Sponsored by Wyoming Valley Councils, Knights of Columbus, will be held at St. Ignatius Church, 339 N. Maple St., Kingston, Sun., Jan. 13 at 10:30 a.m.

**OFFICE CLOSED:** Mon., Dec. 31 and Tues., Jan. 1 in observance of the New Year's Holiday. Thank you.

**TAX STATEMENTS:** Itemized 2018 contribution statements for tax purposes will be given to any parishioner requesting one. Please call the office at (570) 825-6669. Thank you.

**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.
**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS:** His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton and the Office for Parish Life invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2019 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sun., June 30 at 2:30 P.M. at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation should be made through the rectory before Tues., April 2.
**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., Jan. 5 at 4:30 p.m. open; Sun., Jan. 6 at 8:30 a.m. Bob and at 11:00 a.m. open. Thank you for your faithful service to our parish.
**GREETERS:** Sat., Dec. 29 at 4:30 p.m. is Ellen Davis and 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

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| Monday | 12/31 | 8:00 AM | Thomas Krupa | George & Rose Mary Strish |
| | | 4:30 PM | Nicholas J. Gushka | Family |
| Tuesday | 01/01 | 8:30 AM | Jack Smith | Joe & Gloria Calabro |
| | | 11:00 | Angie Chapasko | Mr. & Mrs. Tim Drazba |
| Wednesday | 01/02 | 8:00 AM | No Mass | |
| Thursday | 01/03 | 8:00 AM | Dr. Chung (John) Rhee | The Calabro Family |
| Friday | 01/04 | 8:00 AM | John Hrichison | The Holy Name Society |
| Saturday | 01/05 | 4:30 PM | Mary Gluzinski | Fr. John J. Chmil |
| Sunday | 01/06 | 8:30 AM | Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Altavilla & their daughter Anna Mae | Family |
| | | 11:00 | Katherine Svetz | Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society |

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE** WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF JACK MERGO BY WIFE SUSAN AND IN MEMORY OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF TOMKO FAMILY BY FAMILY.
**A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE** WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY MOM, DAD, CASEY & JARED; IN MEMORY OF ALBERT RUSAK BY WIFE DOROTHY; IN MEMORY OF JACK & NANCY MCGOVERN BY THEIR FAMILY AND FOR SPECIAL INTENTIONS.
**A SACRED HEART CANDLE** WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF STEPHEN OPET JR. BY STEPHEN OPET SR. AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF BILL GALARDI BY WIFE NANCY & SONS.

**CANDLES**

There are Sanctuary, Blessed Mother and Sacred Heart Candles available for 2019. If you would like to dedicate a candle for someone, please call the rectory at (570) 825-6669. 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 and choir), all who contributed generously to the Christmas collection and Christmas flower collection; visitors from far and near. May God Bless you always.
**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, all our Societies, Ashley Food Pantry Volunteers, and all the Volunteers of our Parish who made our parish vibrant and alive throughout the year 2018. May God reward you for your devotion to serve our parish. In 2019 we are on a journey of the Holy Year of Grace, let us join hands together to do God's work.
**THANK YOU:** To all the Organizations who have been so generous to our parish projects. May God Bless you always.

***ASHLEY FOOD PANTRY***
**Items in special need for January:**
**Coffee, Crackers & Tea**
**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 Corin-* | |
| **Weekly Collection for 12/23/18** | **$5,900.00** |
| **Christmas Collection** | **$9,865.25** |