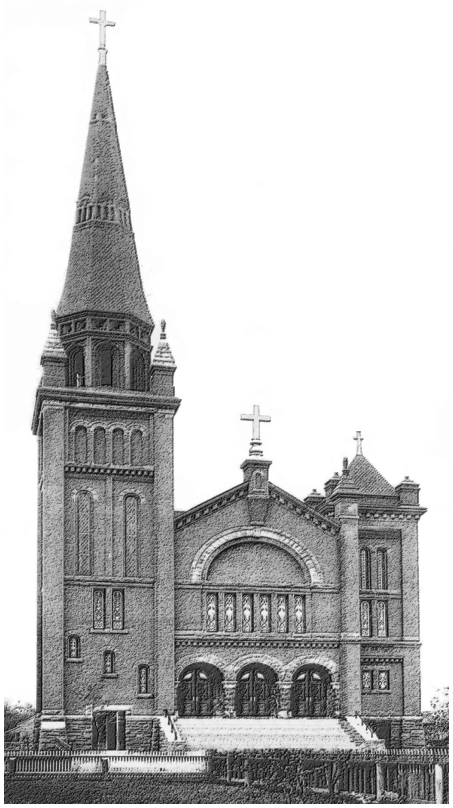


JANUARY 3, 2021
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

ST. LEO'S/HOLY ROSARY PARISH

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

Web Site:	**www.stleos-holyrosary.org**
Diocesan Website:	**www.dioceseofscranton.org**
Pastor:	**Reverend Vincent Dang**
Administrative Asst:	**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., JANUARY 10) Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10 Acts 10:34-38 Mk 1:7-11
Jesus is the beloved Son of the Father. He is the light of the nations and Lord of all creation. To him be all glory and praise!

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 gather 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, you will be in every prayer I utter throughout this Holiday Season.

Have a Holy Christmas and a Happy New Year!

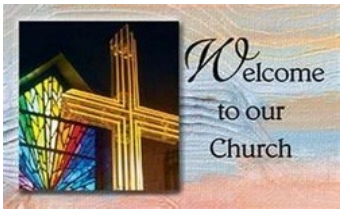
Parish Office Hours:
Monday through Friday
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

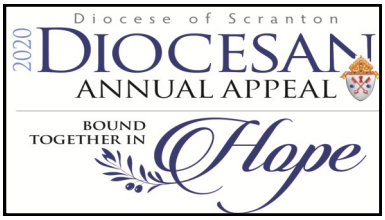
VIETNAMESE MASS:
There will be no Vietnamese Mass in January.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
WEEKEND — Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11:00a.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 at 7:45 a.m. except Wednesday
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.





2020 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: "Bound Together in Hope"
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 $33,000.00. We have raised $10,398.00 to date. Please be generous. Thank you and God Bless.

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!

THANK YOU: To all who made Christmas at St. Leo's/Holy Rosary a wonderful celebration and to all who contributed generously to the Christmas collection and Christmas flower collection. The Christmas Flower envelopes are on the altar to honor and remember our loved ones. 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 this most challenging year. May God reward you for your devotion to serve our parish. In 2021 we are on a journey of the Holy Year of Grace, let us join hands together to do God's work.

ST. LEO'S/HOLY ROSARY CHURCH GUIDELINES

Weekday Masses are at 8 a.m. (except Wednesday)
Week-end Masses are Saturday at 4:30 p.m. & Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
The Sunday Mass Obligation remains suspended at this time.

We ask that those who feel vulnerable because of their age or underlying medical conditions to stay home. People who are feeling ill or have had recent contact with anyone with COVID-19 are directed not to attend Mass until recovered or until self-quarantine is complete (14 days). Live streaming Masses and a daily Mass will continue to be broadcast on Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton.

A face mask, *covering both the nose and mouth* is required of all those entering the Church except children under the age 2 and *the mask covering both the nose and mouth is required to be kept on during the entire Mass*. Social distancing is a MUST, therefore there will be limited seating capacity. You are asked to maintain 6 feet of distance between you and the person next to you during Mass except families in the same household will be able to sit together. Please be flexible as you may need to sit in a pew you normally don't use. **Please also maintain 6 feet of social distancing at Communion.** There is to be **no** gathering for extended conversation/socialization before or after Mass in the Church. **Sanitization is a MUST.** There will be hand sanitizer at the Church entrances but encourage you to bring your own sanitizer from home to use in Church.

Societies please contact the Rectory (570) 825-6669 if you wish to schedule a meeting in the Church Hall.

The changes above are in everyone's best interest for their health and safety. They may be modified as needed. When you choose to return, I look forward to seeing you and thank you for your anticipated understanding and cooperation. May God keep you and all your loved ones in good health and if you have any questions, please let me know.

Father Vinnie

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.
CONGRATULATIONS: To the newly baptized members of our parish. Liam Lopez, Noah Lopez and Greyson Lopez sons of Carlos & Danielle Lopez who were baptized on Sun., Dec. 27. May God Bless them.
SAVE IMPORTANT 2021 DATES: First Penance Sat., April 17 at 11:00 a.m.; First Holy Communion Sun., May 2 at either 11:00 a.m. or 1 p.m. and Confirmation tentatively Mon., May 10 at 5 p.m. with Bishop Bambera at St. Faustina's Church in Nanticoke. Please mark these dates on your calendar. Thank you.
SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend Jan. 2/3 for Care and Education of Priests. Please be generous. God Bless you always.
2021 CALENDARS: Are available in the Church. We would like to thank George Strish, Inc. and Lehman Family Funeral Service, Inc. for sponsoring the calendars. May God Bless them for their generosity.
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.
TAX STATEMENT: Itemized contribution statements for tax purposes will be issued to any parishioner requesting one. Please call (570) 825-6669 or email the Rectory saintlhrc@gmail.com for a copy. Thank you.
PARISH CENSUS: If you or a loved one changed your name, address or phone number, please contact the office (570) 825-6669 or write your new info on your envelope so we can update your records. Thank you.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Please pray for Jared and Debbie Bellas, Lois O'Hara, Florence Ryder, Lorraine Shinko, Mary Golias, Lila Aukstakalnis, Tom Smith, Marion Ferguson, Joyce Seiger, William Vancosky, Frank Kempf, Louise Brant, Robert Lusk, Jean Wiernusz, Karen Hannis, Ann Fedak, Appi Pepperling, Jackson Chapasko, Margaret Sipple, Robert Bozek, Christopher Fee, Bonnie Turchin, Maryann Lavan, Jesse Mendoza, Billy Shemanski, 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, John Pac, Norbert Wisniewski, Frank Sorokach, Terry Murphy, Debra Rontinonis, Elaine Thornton, Faye Klinges, Dennis Pisano, Toni Riscavage, Mary Ann Yedloski, Michael Ralston, Lauran McDonald, Thomas Gorman, Quinn Gorman, Leah Cronauer, Marie Keegan, James Scallion, Chloe Brown, Margaret Prestas, Rosie Reynolds, Dylan Culp, Terri Belanchik, Jo Burczy, Thomas & Louise Cavanaugh, Justin Thompson, Ellen Drake, Rita Martin, Maria Wujik, Joseph Kulbaski, Skip Milford, Helen Karlo, Rita Donley, Bill Desciak, David Pudlosky, Peggy Mihalchik, Jim Kinney Sr., Pam Gibson, Barbara Mitchell, Cameron Wilson, Julie Reitenbach and all the faithful departed especially Marietta Gdovin. If you know someone ill or you would like us to pray for, please call the rectory at (570) 825-6669.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK				
Monday	01/04	8:00 AM	Andrew & Anna Krupa	George Strish Family
Tuesday	01/05	8:00 AM	Ralph Yeust	Joe & Ronnie Kasmark
Wednesday	01/06	8:00 AM	No Mass	
Thursday	01/07	8:00 AM	John Borkowski	Kimmy & Jake Levandowski
Friday	01/08	8:00 AM	Mary Woods	Jim Mellon
Saturday	01/09	4:30 PM	Patricia Gardner	Joe & Ronnie Kasmark
Sunday	01/10	8:30 AM	For Our Parishioners	
		11:00 AM	Joseph August	Rachael Rovinski Schwerdtman

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF MARY WOODS BY JIM MELLON.
A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF JACK MERGO BY WIFE SUSAN; IN MEMORY OF ANNA MAY ALTAVILLA BY A FRIEND; IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY BELLAS FAMILY AND IN MEMORY OF PAULINE KUROVSKY BY PAUL & ELAINE GOLIAS.
A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN LOVING MEMORY OF BILL GALARDI BY WIFE NANCY & SONS AND IN MEMORY OF GERALD CAVANAUGH BY MARY ANN & BILL NILON.

2021 CANDLES

There are Sanctuary, Blessed Mother and Sacred Heart Candles available for 2021. If you would like to dedicate a candle for someone, please call the rectory at (570) 825-6669. 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.

NOTICE REGARDING REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR: It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551).

ASHLEY FOOD PANTRY
Next open Thurs., Jan. 14
Alternate date if needed Jan. 21
10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. - **7:30 p.m.***
***please note the new time**

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	
Weekly Collection 12/27/2020	**$13,855.20**