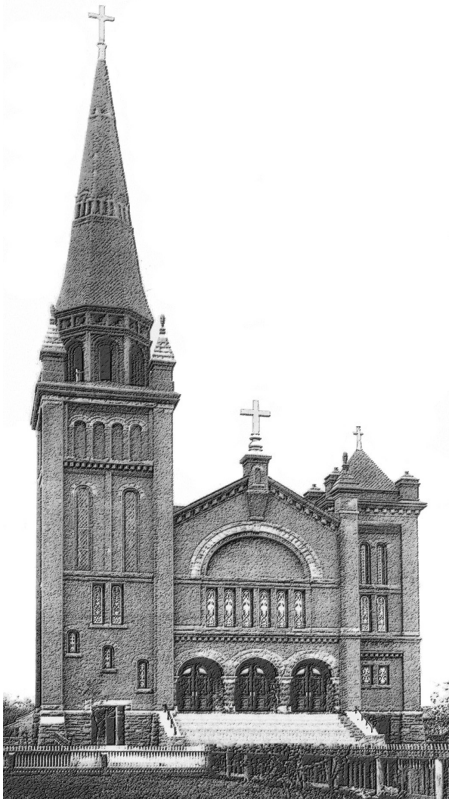


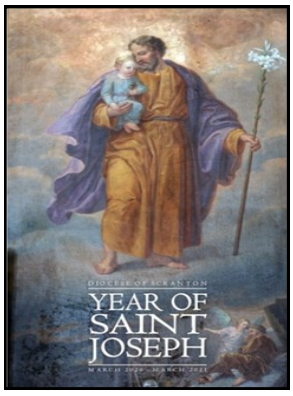
FEBRUARY 21, 2021
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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., FEB. 28) Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ps 116:10, 15-19 Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10
Abraham offers the ultimate sacrifice of thanksgiving, the gift of his very son. This sacrifice prefigures the sacrifice of Jesus who died for us all. In his transfiguration, Jesus discloses a suffering messiahship.



Year of Saint Joseph: March 19, 2020 - March 19, 2021

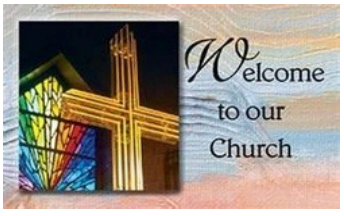
This year marks the 150th Anniversary of Pope Pius IX's decree naming Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and foster-father of Jesus, as the Patron of the Universal Church. In commemoration of this anniversary and recognizing the fitting time for the Church to invoke the intercession of this guardian, His Excellency, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera has declared this year as a "Year of Saint Joseph" to be observed in the Diocese of Scranton. He invites all of the faithful to renew their devotion to Saint Joseph in a special way to safely guard the Church.

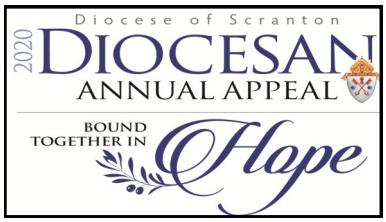
Parish Office Hours:
Monday through Friday
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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

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 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 $12,786.00 to date. Please be generous. Thank you and God Bless.

ST. LEO'S/HOLY ROSARY CHURCH WELCOMES BISHOP BAMBERA
Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will celebrate the 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Masses at St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church on Sunday, February 28th.

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.
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 at saintlhrc@gmail.com for a copy. Thank you.

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

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 Ash Wednesday and 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 Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.
CONFESSION: Every Monday during the holy season of Lent starting on Mon., February 22 and continuing March 1, March 8, March 15 and March 22 individual confessions will be heard at St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church from 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. so that Catholics can return to God's grace, mercy and healing. Please remember to practice social distancing and wear a face mask that covers both the nose and mouth the entire time. Thank you.

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. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church **(please note new location)**. Please mark these dates on your calendar. Thank you.

CONFIRMATION REMINDER: All parents/guardians of the candidates are asked to please complete and return via email to saintlhrc@gmail.com by Wed., March 10 the Confirmation Record Form previously emailed. Thank you.

2021 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: Sun., June 6. The Diocese of Scranton hopes to offer an in-person celebration this year but the details of that event will be governed by the progress made in reducing risks of Coronavirus. More information about the 2021 Wedding Anniversary Mass and about how jubilarian couples can register will be forthcoming in the early Spring.

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).

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Please pray for Jared and Debbie Bellas, Lois O'Hara, Florence Ryder, Lorraine Shinko, 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, 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, Molly & Jim Slusser, Henry Elmy and all the faithful departed especially Josette Magda. 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	02/22	8:00 AM	Mary Hudak	Joe & Terry Donnelly
Tuesday	02/23	8:00 AM	Joseph Notari	Rita & Lisa Jefferson
Wednesday	02/24	8:00 AM	No Mass	
Thursday	02/25	8:00 AM	Marietta Gdovin	John & Mary Carol Gabla
Friday	02/26	8:00 AM	Edward A. Mikolaitis	Lorraine Ontko
Saturday	02/27	4:30 PM	Elaine Curry	The Family
Sunday	02/28	8:30 AM	Dobranski & Rygielski Family	Dobranski Family
		11:00 AM	Josette Magda	Her Daughters Sharonlee & Bonnie

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN LOVING MEMORY OF BILL GALARDI BY WIFE NANCY & SONS.
A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF JOSETTE MAGDA BY HER DAUGHTERS SHARONLEE & BONNIE; IN MEMORY OF FLORENCE PHILLIPS BY PHILLIPS FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY MOM, DAD, CASEY & JARED; IN MEMORY OF WAYNE & MICHELE VOLCIAK BY THE BURCZY FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF JANE COYLE SMITH BY MARY BLY AND IN MEMORY OF ELAINE CURRY BY BROTHER KEVIN.
A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF GEORGE TAGGART SR. BY ROB & GWEN O'DONNELL; IN MEMORY OF JOHN LUKAS BY WIFE DEBBIE LUKAS; IN MEMORY OF JACK MERGO BY WIFE SUSAN; IN MEMORY OF JOHN LUKAS BY NIECE ANN AND IN MEMORY OF JIMMY MCGILL BY GARY BURCZY & CAROLE KNEAL.

2021 CANDLES

ANNOUNCEMENT IN BULLETIN: Attention societies and organizations, if you would like to place an announcement in the bulletin, the deadline is Tuesday. Thank you.
THANK YOU: To those that donated canned soups to The Holy Name Society's "Souper Bowl" collection. The donations will be given to the Ashley Food Pantry.
ST. JOSEPH'S CENTER AUXILIARY ONLINE WINTER BASKET RAFFLE FUNDRAISER: Feb. 15 - 26 at Noon. Tickets $1.00 each. See Stjosephcenter.org or text SJCBasket to 80888. Thank you.
"40 DAYS FOR LIFE" PRO-LIFE ROSARY GATHERING: Feb. 17 - March 26, offered for the special intentions of ending abortion and closure of Planned Parenthood location in Wilkes-Barre; Rosary is prayed Monday thru Friday at 10 a.m. in front of the offices of Planned Parenthood, 101 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre (across from King's College). Pro-life campaign draws attention to the evil of abortion through prayer & fasting, constant vigil, and community outreach.

ASHLEY FOOD PANTRY
Next open Thurs., March 11
Alternate date if needed March 18
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 02/14/2021	**$6,366.46**