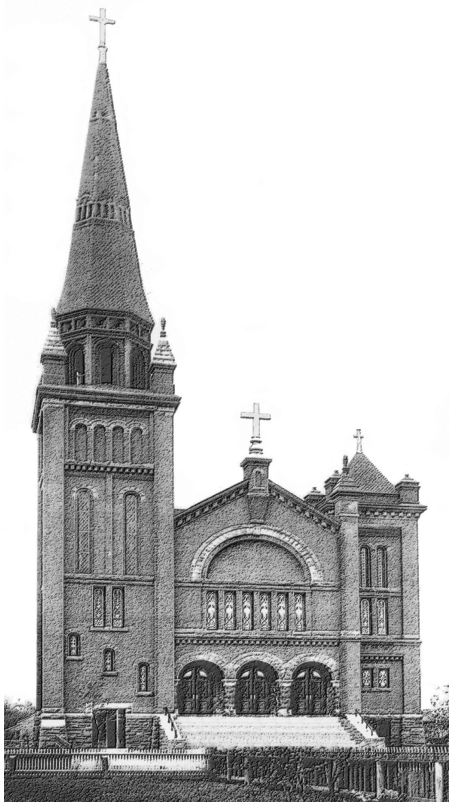

DECEMBER 05, 2021
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH

A COMMUNITY OF FAITH FORMED BY THE UNION OF HOLY FAMILY, HOLY ROSARY & ST. LEO'S PARISHES

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Baptisms & Weddings:	**Call the Rectory**

READINGS: (SUN., DEC. 12) Zep 3:14-18a (Ps) Is 12:2-6 Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18
Rejoice in the Lord always! Great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel, a mighty savior. It is he whom John foretold; it is he who will baptize in the Holy Spirit.

What is the 2021-2023 Synod about?

On March 7, 2020, Pope Francis announced that a Synod of Bishops would convene at the Vatican in October 2023, the theme of which will be *For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission*. As a vital first step in the Synod process, the Holy Father has invited each diocese around the world to listen to the voices of its people including those who are marginalized or may have fallen away from the Church. By virtue of our Baptism, all of us are called to be active participants in the life of the Church through discernment, participation and co-responsibility. Through a process of careful listening, our participation in the Synod process will enable us to better understand how the Christian community participates in the life of our Church in the Diocese of Scranton today and how that shared participation among our members might grow in the future.

Please participate in the Online Survey: English-https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y3FRDX6;

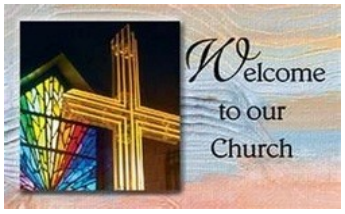
Parish Office Hours:
Monday through Friday
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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

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 the Great 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.



2021 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: "Rising Together in 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. There is a new incentive this year of $2,000 to our parish if we increase our participation by 10% in addition to the 75% rebate for donations above our goal of $33,000. Please be generous. We have raised $17,505.00 to date. Thank you to all those who have given!

CLOSING OF HOLY FAMILY CHURCH: Utilizing the Vision 2020 Blueprint Process, which takes into account the long range needs and challenges of the Diocese of Scranton and recommendations of the clergy of the Wilkes-Barre Deanery, and with the Reverend Vincent H. Dang, Pastor of Saint Leo the Great Parish, and Saint Leo's parish councils and parishioners supporting the need and desire to close Holy Family Church, and following Bishop Bambera's consultation with the Diocesan Presbyteral Council, Bishop Bambera has decreed the relegation to profane but not sordid use (that is, the closure) of Holy Family Church in Sugar Notch, a subsidiary worship site of Saint Leo the Great Parish, effective December 5, 2021.

CLEANING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS: Wed., Dec. 8 (The Feast of the Immaculate Conception) after the 8:00 a.m. Mass, please help if you can. Thank you and May God Bless You Always.
DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS: Sat., Dec. 11 at 9:00 a.m. If you are able to help, please come. Thank you and May God Bless You Always.

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.
MASKING: As per Bishop Bambera's August 6th message, he is strongly recommending everyone attending Mass wear a mask regardless of vaccination status. 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.
SECOND COLLECTION: This week-end Dec. 4 & 5 for Care & Education of Priests. Please be generous. May God Bless You Always.
SHUT IN LIST: The Altar & Rosary/St. Ann Society along with the Holy Name Society will offer a candle for homebound parishioners. If you know a parishioner who cannot make mass due to being ill or is in the hospital or a nursing home please call the Rectory by Mon., Dec. 13. Thank you.
CYRENIANS MEETING: Sun., January 16 after the 11 a.m. Mass. New members are welcome.

ROSARY: The Knights of Columbus will pray the rosary after the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Sun., Dec. 12. All are welcome to attend and participate.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: We celebrate the patronal day of the United States, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We believe that she herself was free from the stain of sin from the moment of her conception. Mary is the perfect Advent model for us. As we imitate her faithfulness, we say "yes" to God's invitation to bring Christ to the world. Masses are Tues., Dec. 7 at 5:15 p.m.; Wed., Dec. 8 at 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. at St. Leo the Great Church. Please come to honor our Blessed Virgin Mary.

OPLATKI WAFERS: Sponsored by the Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society will be available before and after each weekend Mass in the vestibule from Sat., Dec. 4 until Sun., Dec. 19 or call the Rectory (570) 825-6669. Available in packs of 4 or 5. Donations are appreciated. Thank you.

THE GIVING TREE: Is in the Sanctuary until Sun., 12/12. Your generosity allows us to provide gifts for children, infants - 17 years, whose parents/guardians are clients of the Ashley Area Food Pantry and who have pre-registered them for the gift distribution. Paper ornaments with the ages and genders of these children will hang on the tree. Please take one and purchase a gift for the "ornament" child. Please tape the ornament on the **UNWRAPPED** gift and place it under the tree by the end of the 11 a.m. Mass on Sun., 12/12. Gifts will be distributed later that afternoon according to a pre-determined, covid-safe schedule. Any leftover or uncollected items will be delivered to the "Toys for Tots" drive, slated for distribution later that week. Additional ornaments will suggest items which are helpful to people who are experiencing homelessness. These **UNWRAPPED** items should also be placed under the tree and will be delivered to the appropriate social-service agencies later that week. Thank you for your kindness & generosity.

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. 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.

SAVE IMPORTANT DATES: First Penance - Sat., Jan. 29, 2022 at 11 a.m.; **First Holy Communion** - Sun., May 1, 2022 at 11 a.m. and **Confirmation** - June 5, 2022 at 11 a.m. Please mark these dates on your calendar. Thank you.

CHOIR PRACTICE: Is held every Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All are welcome to join the choir. Please contact Bob Passetti, Music Director/Organist with any questions at (570) 814-1747 or he can be reached on line at http://stleos-holyrosary.org/choir/. Thank you.

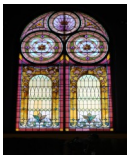
PERPETUAL NOVENA IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL: Every Monday after 8 a.m. Mass the Novena will be prayed. Please come to honor our Blessed Virgin Mary.

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 take Holy Communion to the sick/homebound. Please advise family members or friends who cannot attend Mass that an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion can bring the Lord Jesus to them. Anyone wishing to receive Communion may call Debbie Milford (570) 466-8311. Communion is distributed after the 11:00 a.m. Masses on the first and third Sundays of the month. Thank you.

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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: We encourage Parishioners to use your Christmas Flower Envelope. It helps defray the cost of decorating our Church. The envelopes will be placed on the altar to remember and honor our loved ones. Thank you and May God Bless You Always.



STAINED GLASS CHURCH WINDOWS: Maintenance, repairs and cleaning has started to all stained glass church windows in St. Leo's and the process will take approximately six months to complete. If you would like to donate to this special project, please see Father or contact the Rectory. Thank you to all that have given and May God Bless You for your faithful service to our parish.

2022 MASSES: Can be purchased Mon. through Fri. 8:30a.m. - 12:30p.m. Due to the increased size of our parish and to be fair, at this time there is a limit of two (2) week-end masses and three (3) week-day masses per family. All masses must be requested in person or over the phone 570 825-6669, there are no pre-reserved dates. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Please pray for Jared and Debbie Bellas, Lois O'Hara, Florence Ryder, Lila Aukstakalnis, Tom Smith, Marion Ferguson, Joyce Seiger, William Vancosky, Frank Kempf, Louise Brant, Robert Lusk, Jean Wiernusz, Karen Hannis, Jackson Chapasko, Margaret Sipple, Robert Bozek, Christopher Fee, Bonnie Turchin, Maryann Lavan, Jesse Mendoza, Billy Shemanski, Ruth Kackauskas, George Warman, David Bukoski Jr., Jonathan Elick, Janet Tyson, Dan R., Cynthia Sickler, Elaine Warman, Tia Toney, John Pac, 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, Thomas & Louise Cavanaugh, Justin Thompson, Rita Martin, Maria Wujik, Joseph Kulbaski, Skip Milford, Bill Desciak, David Pudlosky, Peggy Mihalchik, Jim Kinney Sr., Pam Gibson, Cameron Wilson, Abigail Klass, Angela Heim, Pat C., Annette Laxton, Carolyn Fealy, Roslyn Glynn, Michael Corcoran, Keith Casey, Ronald Koviack, Chris Klau, Mary Anne Malone, Albert Vrabel and Pam Kalinowski and all the faithful departed especially James Hannon. If you know someone ill or you want us to pray for, please call the rectory (570) 825-6669.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK				
Monday	12/06	8:00 AM	James & Adeline Yourren	Family
Tuesday	12/07	8:00 AM	Joseph Notari	Francis & Darryl Curry
		5:15 PM	Mary & Frank Dombroski	Family
Wednesday	12/08	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
		5:30 PM	John Shulo	Marianne Shulo
Thursday	12/09	8:00 AM	Sandy Roback	Fitzmaurice Family
Friday	12/10	8:00 AM	John Hrichison	Biernacki Family
Saturday	12/11	4:30 PM	For Our Parishioners	
Sunday	12/12	8:30 AM	Anna Chmiola	The Aukstakalnis Family
		11:00 AM	Maureen Latzman	Truszkowski Family

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF REBECCA & JULIA MOORE BY FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF CHARLES MEEHAN BY HOLY NAME SOCIETY; IN MEMORY OF JACK MERGO BY WIFE SUSAN; IN LOVING MEMORY OF BILL GALARDI BY WIFE NANCY & SONS AND IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH, SANDRA & DONNA CASEY BY LARRY CASEY & GRANDCHILDREN.

A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH E. BRADSHAW BY NORENE BRADSHAW; IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY MOM, DAD, CASEY & JARED; IN MEMORY OF MIKE PIANTADOSI BY AUKSTAKALNIS FAMILY AND IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH, SANDRA & DONNA CASEY BY LARRY CASEY & GRANDCHILDREN.

A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK FOR HEALING OF PAM KALINOWSKI BY MOTHER-IN-LAW FRAN ROMANOWSKI; FOR HEALING OF OUR DAUGHTER ANNETTE LAXTON BY GEORGE & TONI RISCAVAGE; FOR HEALING OF KEITH CASEY; IN MEMORY OF ZACH KOLLAR BY HIS GRANDPARENTS DOROTHY & DOMINICK FERRO AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF JAMES HANNON BY CAROLE KNEAL & GARY BURCZY.

2021 & 2022 CANDLES

There are Sanctuary, Blessed Mother and Sacred Heart Candles available for 2021 & 2022. If you would like to dedicate a candle for someone, please call the rectory at (570) 825-6669. 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).

HOLY REDEEMER CHORAL & ELEMENTARY INSTRUMENTALISTS' CONCERT: Sun., Dec. 12 at 1:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. $3 adults and $2 students and senior citizens.

SLOVAK HERITAGE SOCIETY OF NEPA FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS: Sun., Dec. 12 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish 339 N. Maple St. Kingston. RSVP by Mon., Dec. 6 (570) 817-3430 or (570) 779-1694.

ASHLEY FOOD PANTRY

Next open Thurs., December 9

Alternate Date - December 16

10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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 11/28/2021	**$5,797.00**