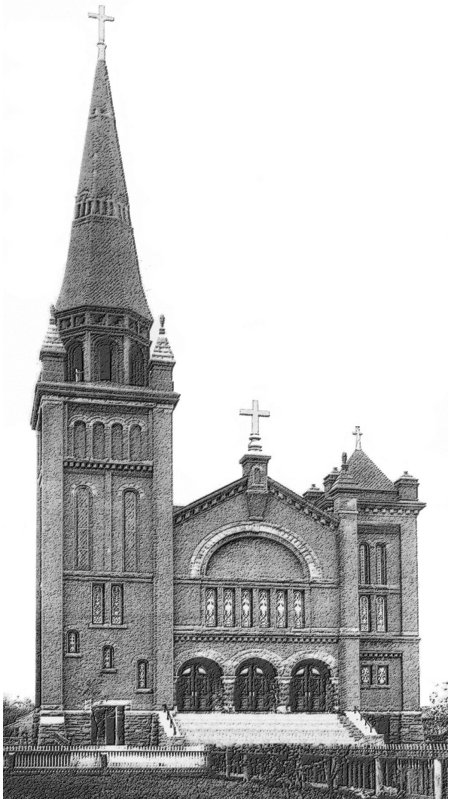

JANUARY 9, 2022
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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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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**
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Baptisms & Weddings:	**Call the Rectory**

READINGS: (SUN., JAN. 16) Is 62:1-5 Ps 96:1-3, 7-10 1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11
At Cana in Galilee, Jesus performed the first of his signs, revealing his glory to his disciples, and later to the nations. He has revealed as well the manifestation of the Spirit who distributes different gifts as he chooses.

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;

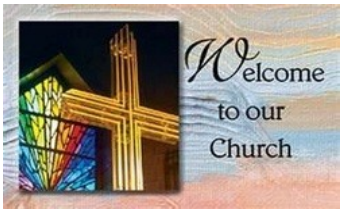
Parish Office Hours:
Monday through Friday
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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

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 $20,677.00 to date, over 62% of our goal. Thank you to all those who have given!

HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING: Sun., Jan. 9 **after the 11 a.m. Mass** in the Church Hall. **The smoker is postponed until Sun., Jan. 30.**
TAKING DOWN THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: Mon., Jan. 10 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Please come if available to help. Thank you and May God Bless You Always.
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING: Tues., Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. in the Church Hall. All members are urged to attend.
CYRENIANS MEETING: Sun., Jan. 16 after the 11 a.m. Mass in the Church Hall. New members welcome.
PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: Mon., Jan. 17 at 6 p.m. in the Church Hall. If you cannot attend the meeting on January 17, please call the rectory at 570-825-6669 and let Father Dang know or you can call or email Bernadette Druby at 570-823-5287/nana_berni@msn.com. Thank you.

ST. LEO THE GREAT CHURCH HOLY NAME SOCIETY
SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022
STUFFED CHICKEN DINNER W/ MASHED POTATOES, VEGETABLE, ROLL & DESSERT
COST $12.00
SERVED 11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
TAKE OUT ONLY
TICKETS SOLD AT MASSES: JANUARY 8 & 15, 2022 4:30 P.M.; JANUARY 9 & 16, 2022 8:30 A.M. AND JANUARY 9 & 16, 2022 11:00 A.M. OR AT THE RECTORY DURING OFFICE HOURS (8:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.) JANUARY 17, 18, 19, 2022 ONLY.

VIGIL MASS FOR LIFE: Thurs., Jan. 20 at 6 p.m. at St. Maria Goretti Church, Laflin celebrated by Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera. You are invited to bring a new pack of diapers to be donated to Shepherd's Maternity House and St. Joseph's Center Baby and Children's Pantry.
MARCH FOR LIFE: In Washington, D.C., Fri., Jan. 21. Departure from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 116 Hughes St., Swoyersville. Bus and dinner $65.00. $35.00 for students. If you want to sponsor a student, checks should be made to PHL and can be sent to SEAS Parish. For more info call Chris @ 570-824-5621.

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: For your generosity this past week-end for Care & Education of Priests. May God Bless You Always.
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.
HOLY FAMILY & ST. LEO THE GREAT TAX STATEMENTS: Itemized statements of contributions for tax purposes will be issued to any parishioner requesting one. Please call the Rectory (570) 825-6669 if you would like one sent to you. Thank you.
PARISH CENSUS: If you or a loved one changed your name, address or phone no., please contact the office (570) 825-6669 or write your new info on your envelope so we can update your records. 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.

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.

FIRST PENANCE PRACTICE: Sun., Jan. 23 during CCD and Thurs., Jan. 27 at 6 p.m. Parents are asked to stay at practice on 1/27 since practice will conclude before 7 p.m. 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.

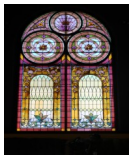
PERPETUAL NOVENA IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL: Every Monday after 8 a.m. Mass the Novena will be prayed. Please come to honor our Blessed Virgin Mary.

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. Mass on the first Sunday 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.

2022 CEMETERY ENVELOPES: There will be cemetery envelopes included in the 2022 monthly mailings to continue maintaining the cemeteries at St. Peter & Paul, St. Charles Borromeo and Holy Family in Sugar Notch. Please be generous. Thank you.



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. 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.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, Pam Kalinowski, Geraldine Hooper, Dolores Loughnane; Christopher Mortensen and Carol Platko and all the faithful departed especially Catherine Kuklewicz. 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	01/10	8:00 AM	Mary & John Calabro	Family
Tuesday	01/11	8:00 AM	Dolores Cefaly	Michael & Sharon Johnson
Wednesday	01/12	8:00 AM	No Mass	
Thursday	01/13	8:00 AM	William T. Bly	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Bly & Family
Friday	01/14	8:00 AM	Loretta Krolewski	Theresa Brown
Saturday	01/15	4:30 PM	Conversion/Salvation for all our loved ones	Family
Sunday	01/16	8:30 AM	Bernice Gavlick	Margaret Sipple
		11:00 AM	Jean Kerestes	John Devaney

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK: IN MEMORY OF JOSEPHINE BURCZY BY CHERYL SABOL; IN MEMORY OF ZACH KOLLAR BY HIS GRANDPARENTS DOROTHY & DOMINICK FERRO AND IN MEMORY OF MARY SOYER BY THE DOBRANSKI FAMILY.
A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK: IN LOVING MEMORY OF BILL GALARDI BY WIFE NANCY & SONS; IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY BELLAS FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF JOSEPHINE BURCZY BY DEANA & PETE BIDEY AND FOR HEALTH & BLESSINGS OF DOROTHY RUSAK.
A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK: FOR HEALING OF OUR DAUGHTER ANNETTE LAXTON BY GEORGE & TONI RISCAVAGE; IN MEMORY OF JOSEPHINE BURCZY BY JOHN & GRACE BIDEY; IN MEMORY OF JACK MERGO BY WIFE SUSAN AND IN MEMORY OF FLORENCE EVANS BY BILL PHILLIPS & FAMILY.

2022 CANDLES

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

COVID-19 Protocol Reminders

- **The Diocese of Scranton strongly recommends that all parishioners wear a mask while attending Mass, regardless of vaccination status. As Catholics, we have a responsibility to protect our friends and neighbors and mask wearing remains an important mitigation tool against community spread.**

- **Anyone who is sick should stay home and participate in the celebration of Mass through Catholic Television or a parish livestream Mass. In addition, anyone displaying COVID-19 symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, headache, or muscle pain) should not attend Mass in-person.**

As always, thank you for your attention to these important directives.

ASHLEY FOOD PANTRY
Next open Thurs., January 13
Alternate Date - January 20
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 01/02/21	**$7,056.96**
Second Collection **Care & Education of Priests**	**$391.00**