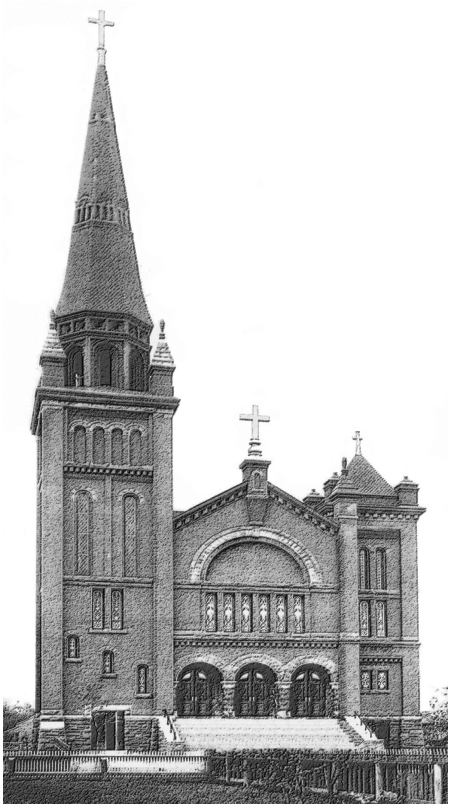


SEPTEMBER 04, 2022
TWENTY– THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH

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

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 & Weddings:	**Call the Rectory**

READINGS: (SUN., SEPT. 11) Ex 32:7-11, 13-14 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19 1 Tm 1:12-17
Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Moses intercedes on behalf of the people who had turned away from the covenant The Lord delights not in sin, but in our turning back to him, for a contrite and humbled heart God will never spurn. He sent his Son into the world not to condemn sinners, but to save them.

St. Leo the Great Mission Statement

We, the members of the Body of Christ of the Parish of St. Leo the Great, in fullness of love of God and Neighbor, wish to affirm our unity in faith, expressed most completely in the celebration of the Eucharist. We continue the work of our founder Jesus Christ in serving all in healing, charity, religious education, promotion of vocations, community involvement and welcoming all to the fullness of faith through the Sacraments.

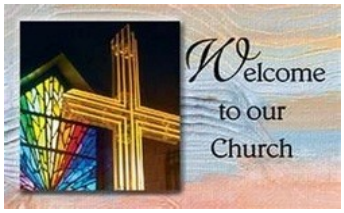
Parish Office Hours:
Monday through Friday
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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

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

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.



RECTORY PHONE: The phone is now working. The church bells are still not working. We are in the process of correcting the situation. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION: Registration for classes and the reception of the Sacraments will be after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in St. Leo's Parish Hall this Sun., Sept. 4 with schedules given at that time or on line registration is available. The on-line registration form can be found at www.stleosholyrosary.org under the Religious Education tab and the CCD calendar for this coming school year can be found by entering the word "calendar" in the search bar within the web site. Please email the completed registration to the Rectory at saintlhrc@gmail.com, put in the mail slot of the back door of the rectory, drop in the collection basket or return via U.S. mail. We look forward to greeting returning students and to welcoming all parents and children of our Parish interested in participating in the program. Classes for children grades K-8 take place at the Education Center located at the rear of St. Leo's Church parking lot on Sundays after the 8:30 a.m. Mass and dismiss at 10:30 a.m. It is important to remember that reception of First Penance, First Holy Communion and Confirmation requires attendance at these religious education classes. If you are unable to participate in either registration event, please call the Rectory at 570 825-6669 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Mon. through Fri. You can also call Mrs. Casey, Director of Religious Education at 570 760 -9793. **Actual instruction will begin on Sun., Sept. 11.**

DIOCESAN ASSESSMENTS: Our parish is required to pay the following yearly assessments to our Diocese based on the previous year's adjusted income.
Diocesan Annual Assessments: St. Leo the Great: $110,232 or $9,186/month. (Parish assessment, self-insurance and clergy benefits.) **Holy Family:** $24,346 or $2,028.83/month for self-insurance.
Catholic Schools Assessments: St. Leo the Great: $63,888 or $5,324/month plus $2,000/month to pay down the outstanding school debt. **Holy Family:** $101,792.00 outstanding school debt. Thank you for your continued support of your parish and Catholic Education. May God Bless You Always!

CHOIR REHEARSAL: Starts Wed., Sept. 7 from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. and there will be additional 30 minute warm-ups before masses. The church choir serves at the 4:30 PM Saturday and 11:00 AM Sunday masses rotating weekly from September 11, 2022 thru May 28, 2023; Pentecost Sunday. After Pentecost Sunday the choir will be on vacation. All are welcome, please contact Robert Passetti, Director of Music at 570 814-1747 if interested in joining the choir. **Activities:** Advent Choir Concert. Thank you.
CANTORS NEEDED: Church cantors serve in dual ministries of psalmist and leader of congregational song. We are currently looking for new cantors to add to that ministry. You are invited prayerfully to consider if you are called to this ministry. Training will be provided, please contact Robert Passetti, Director of Music at 570 814-1747 if you would like to volunteer to cantor. Thank you.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY 6TH ANNUAL DINNER: Sun., September 18 take-out serving from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Choice of breaded boneless parmesan center cut pork chop dinner with mashed potatoes, vegetable & roll or meatloaf dinner with mashed potatoes, vegetable & roll. Cost $12.00.
TICKETS SOLD AT MASSES: Sept., 3 & 10 at 4:30 P.M.; Sept. 4 & 11 at 8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. or at the rectory Sept., 12, 13 & 14 ONLY from 8:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

OFFICE CLOSED: Mon., Sept. 4 in observance of Labor Day. Thank you.
HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING: Sun., Sept. 11 after the 11 a.m. Mass. All members are asked to attend.
ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN'S SOCIETY MEETING: Mon., Sept. 19 at 6 p.m. in Church Hall.
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 weekend, Sept. 3 & 4 for Care and Education of Priests. Please be generous. May God Bless You Always.

SUGAR NOTCH CEMETERIES: Upkeep of Holy Family, St. Charles & St. Peter & Paul Cemeteries continues. Please see Father Dang if anyone has any concerns. Thank you to those that are using their cemetery monthly envelopes. May God Bless You for your faithfulness and generosity.

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ABORTED CHILDREN: Sat., Sept. 10 pro-life Americans will honor the memory of the nearly 65 million unborn victims of abortion since its legalization in 1973. The event on Sept. 10 will include a Memorial Service for Victims of Abortion to be held at 11 a.m. at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, 612 Mt. Olivet Rd., Carverton at Mt. Olivet's Wyoming Valley Knights of Columbus "Tomb for the Unborn," located on the top of the hill on the cemetery grounds. During the memorial observance the Rosary will be recited in remembrance of all aborted babies. All faithful are invited.

MASS FOR SUICIDE HEALING & REMEMBRANCE: In observance of Suicide Awareness Month, Bishop Bambera will celebrate Mass Sun., Sept. 18 at 12:15p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Peter to remember loved ones lost to suicide and to promote healing for those who grieve their passing. All are welcome.

UP & OVER RETREAT: For middle school students Sept. 23-25 at Camp Orchard Hill in Dallas. Registration with information at the Diocese of Scranton's website dioceseofscranton.org.

'CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE' "BE A CATHOLIC MAN": Sat., Oct. 8 from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Holy Redeemer H.S. 159 S. Pennsylvania Blvd. WB. This year's theme is "Be Not Afraid" under the patronage of St. Joseph. Nationally known Catholic Speakers: Fr. Stan Fortuna, Dr. Ralph Martin and Kevin Wells. There will be Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, Sacramental Confession and lunch break. Mass will be offered by the Most Rev. Bishop Joseph Bambera. For reservations, payable to "Be A Catholic Man" and mail $40.00 (early bird price $30.00 til 9/9) to: Bill Leandri 239 Hayfield Rd. Shavertown, PA 18708; or at BE A CatholicMan.com. Questions, contact Michael Kilmer, Conference Chairman at 570-746-0100 or michaelkilmer71@gmail.com.

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 HIPAA 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, Florence Ryder, Tom Smith, Marion Ferguson, Joyce Seiger, 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, ,Dan R., Cynthia Sickler, Elaine Warman, Tia Toney, John Pac, Frank Sorokach, Terry Murphy, Debra Rontinonis, Elaine Thornton, Dennis Pisano, Toni Riscavage, Mary Ann Yedloski, Michael Ralston, Lauran McDonald, Thomas Gorman, Quinn Gorman, 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., Carolyn Fealy, Roslyn Glynn, Michael Corcoran, Keith Casey, Ronald Koviack, Chris Klau, Mary Anne Malone, Albert Vrabel, Pam Kalinowski, Dolores Loughnane, Christopher Mortensen, Carol Platko, Gregory Pieck, Mary Frances Heiser, Sharon Keefe, Betty Oldfield, Linda Reedy, Julia Domanski, John Devaney, Mark Mazillo, Liz Cave, Barbara Seferyn, William (Duke) Hughes, Lisa Urbanski, Donna Nealon, Joann Blaine, Fran Williams and all the faithful departed. If you know someone ill or you want us to pray for, please call the rectory at (570) 825-6669.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK				
Monday	09/05	8:00 AM	Philip Occhino	Spencer Family
Tuesday	09/06	8:00 AM	Robert Dressler	Jim Mullin
Wednesday	09/07	8:00 AM	No Mass	
Thursday	09/08	8:00 AM	Jim Londergan	His Wife
Friday	09/09	8:00 AM	Dolores Mrackoski	Husband Albert
Saturday	09/10	4:30 PM	Cecilia McGovern	McGovern/Galardi Family
Sunday	09/11	8:30 AM	Edmund Krzywicki	Daughter Mary Lou & Family
		11:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK: HAPPY & BLESSED 95TH BIRTHDAY FOR ELEANOR LOFTUS BY COONEY FAMILY.
A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK: FOR HEALING OF MICHAEL KARLHEIM BY MARY BOZINKO; FOR HEALTH & BLESSINGS OF KEITH & BRIAN CASEY BY THEIR BROTHER; IN MEMORY OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE LOMBARDELLI FAMILY BY BERNADETTE DRUBY; IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY BELLAS FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF ELAINE GOLIAS BY PAUL GOLIAS & FAMILY; IN LOVING MEMORY OF BILL GALARDI BY WIFE NANCY & SONS; IN MEMORY OF
BARBARA FLOREK BY REBECCA MURRAY AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF FRANK BALAS BY GARY BURCZY & CAROLE KNEAL.
A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK: IN MEMORY OF JOHN BAKER BY GARY BURCZY & CAROLE KNEAL; IN MEMORY OF JIM LONDERGAN BY WIFE FRANCIE; IN MEMORY OF THOMAS M. HART SR. BY WIFE JO & FAMILY AND IN MEMORY OF ZACH KOLLAR BY HIS GRANDPARENTS DOROTHY & DOMINICK FERRO.

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.

FATHER VINNIE'S TRIP TO VIETNAM: Father arrived in Vietnam and is enjoying his time with his family. He says hello to everyone. He will be back Fri., Sept. 23. Please continue to pray for him; as he will keep you all in his prayers.

BANKING NAME CHANGE: Please make all checks out to St. Leo the Great Parish. We are no longer recognized as St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church. 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.

STAINED GLASS CHURCH WINDOWS: If you want 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 dedication to our parish.

2023 MASSES: Can be purchased daily from 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.

THE CATHOLIC CHORAL SOCIETY: Begins its 74th year Tues., Sept. 13 with rehearsals on Tuesdays from 6:15PM - 8:30PM at the IHM center at Marywood University. New members are welcome; no auditions required.

ASHLEY FOOD PANTRY
Next open Thurs., Sept. 8
10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

ITEMS IN NEED: All varieties of cereal.

Thank you to all who have donated.

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 08/28/22	**$5,594.00**