DECEMBER 25, 2022
THE NATIVITY 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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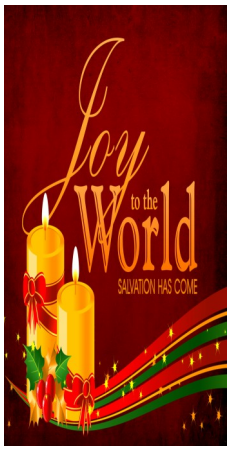
READINGS: (SUN., JAN. 1) Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21
We seek God's blessings as did Mary. Because of her Son, we can confidently call God, "Abba"!



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 ever prayer I utter throughout this Holiday Season.

Have a Holy Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Devotedly, Fr. Vincent Dang

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

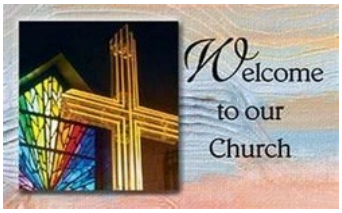
CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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

***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.*



OFFICE CLOSED: Fri., Dec. 30 in observance of the New Year Holiday.
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING: Tues., Dec. 27 at 6 p.m. in the Education Center. All members are urged to attend.
COLD/FLU SEASON: We ask those who feel sick or vulnerable because of their age or underlying medical conditions to stay home. People 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. Live streaming Masses are on Catholic TV of the Diocese of Scranton. Comcast channel 12 & Service Electric Cable TV channel 18.
NEW INSIDE KITCHEN PRECAUTIONS: Please do not use the Church Hall entrance until further notice.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CCD INFORMATION

Our CCD Motto is "MASS & CLASS OR CLASS & MASS"

Classes are 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Sundays — Mrs. Michele Casey, DRE (570) 760-9793

SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN: Please lookout for the safety of our children especially as they are being 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 2023 DATES: *First Penance:* Sat., Jan. 28 at 11 a.m.; *First Holy Communion:* Sun., May 7 at 11 a.m. and *Confirmation:* Sun., May 28 at 11 a.m. Please mark these dates on your calendar.
THANK YOU: To those that participated in the Children's Mass last weekend. May the Lord Bless you for your faithfulness and love to our church.
NO CCD: Sun., Dec. 25 & Jan. 1 due to the Christmas & New Year Holidays. Classes resume Sun., Jan. 8

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: Every Christmas brings new hope for our world and our lives as we celebrate the birth of Christ, the Prince of Peace. Let us pray that Christ will bestow greater peace on our society and world. As we ask for Christ's gifts of peace, our parish asks for your Christmas gift for our Christmas collection. Please be generous and thank you with all my heart for your special gift to St. Leo the Great Parish this Christmas.
THANK YOU: A very special thank you to our Altar Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Cantors, Choir Members, Ushers, Money Counters, Members of the Councils, CCD Teachers, our Parish Festival Committee, all our Societies, Ashley Food Pantry Volunteers and all the Volunteers of our Parish who made our parish vibrant and alive throughout 2022. May God reward you for your devotion to serve our parish. In 2023 we are on a journey of the Holy Year of Grace, let us join hands together to do God's work.
THANK YOU: To all the Organizations who have been so generous to our parish projects. 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.
THANK YOU: To all those who donate food, money or time to the Ashley Food Pantry. May God Bless You for your kindness, generosity and love.
THANK YOU: A very special thank you for the generous donation made in memory of Ted McGovern and in memory of the deceased members of the Cecilia McGovern Family by Frances Polanin towards the restoration and repairs of St. Leo the Great's stained glass windows. Please keep them in your prayers.

ASHLEY FOOD PANTRY
Next open Thurs., Jan. 12
Alternate date Thurs., Jan. 19
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. 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 12/18/22	**$9,842.23**

2023 CALENDAR DELAY: The calendars are not due to arrive until mid-January. Once received they will be put at all entrances of the Church or please call the Rectory during office hours 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. if you would like to pick one up once they are in. Thank you.

ST. LEO THE GREAT TAX STATEMENTS: All donations to be credited for 2022 should be placed in the collection basket the weekend of Dec. 24/25 or must be received in the office before it closes at 12:30 p.m. on Thurs., Dec. 29. Itemized statements of contributions for tax purposes will be issued to any parishioner requesting one. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS: To the newly baptized member of our Parish, Aubrey Joyce daughter of Kyle & Crystal Joyce who was baptized on Sun., Dec. 18. May God Bless her.

2022 DIOCESAN APPEAL: Please consider how you are able to open your hands and hearts to embrace the poor, just as Jesus did. Our parish goal is $33,000.00 and we have raised $18,590.00 to date. Please visit www.annualappeal.org to make your gift and view the Diocesan Annual Appeal videos, which highlight the wonderful work your gifts support. Thank you for your continued support! We couldn't do it without you!

NEW INSIDE KITCHEN IN THE CHURCH HALL: Work continues on the new inside kitchen in the Church Hall. The Hall entrance is closed until further notice. Thank you for your patience. If anyone has any questions or would like to donate towards the cost of the new kitchen, please see Father Dang. Thank you to those that have given. May God Bless You Always.

CLEANING & PAINTING IN THE CHURCH: Cleaning and painting of the choir loft has started. Once done, the vestibule and Sanctuary will be cleaned and painted. If anyone would like to donate towards the cost of these items, please see Father Dang. Thank you to those that have given. May God Bless You Always.

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 Kathy Snyder 570-814-4138. 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, David Pudlosky, Peggy Mihalchik, Jim Kinney Sr., Pam Gibson, Cameron Wilson, Abigail Klass, Pat C., Carolyn Fealy, Roslyn Glynn, Michael Corcoran, Ronald Koviack, Chris Klau, Mary Anne Malone, Albert Vrabel, Pam Kalinowski, Dolores Loughnane, Christopher Mortensen, 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, Brian Casey, Karen Anstett, Maureen Ehret, Sue Devaney-McClatchy, Benjamin Kane, Jo Hart, Joseph Clark and all the faithful departed especially Mary Jo Murphy. 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	12/26	8:00 AM	Ralph Evans	Wife & Daughters
Tuesday	12/27	8:00 AM	Deceased Members Cooney-Musial Family	Family
Wednesday	12/28	8:00 AM	No Mass	
Thursday	12/29	8:00 AM	Joseph Baiamonte	Matthew Baiamonte
Friday	12/30	8:00 AM	Mary Alice Kane	John, Wife Wendy & Daughter Emma Kane
Saturday	12/31	4:30 PM	Mary & Frank Dombroski	Family
Sunday	01/01	8:30 AM	For Our Parishioners	
		11:00 AM	Mary Alice Kane	John, Wife Wendy & Daughter Emma Kane

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK: FOR HEALTH & BLESSINGS OF BRIAN CASEY BY HIS BROTHER; IN LOVING MEMORY OF DECEASED FAMILY & FRIENDS BY MCCANN & ORAVIC FAMILIES; IN LOVING MEMORY OF MARY & FRANK DOMBROSKI BY DAUGHTER THERESA; IN MEMORY OF DEBORAH A. KLINGLER BY MOM & FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF ROSS A. BECKLEY BY WIFE & FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF JOHN MERGO BY WIFE SUSAN MERGO; IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH & ANNA MERLIE BY THE BARGER FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH & MARTHA BARGER BY THE BARGER FAMILY AND IN MEMORY OF JOHN SHULO BY MARIANNE SHULO.

A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK: BLESSINGS FOR GERTRUDE BEKAMPIS BY JOHN & ALICE BOTSKO; FOR A SAFE DEPLOYMENT FOR DAVID MCDONALD U.S.M.C. BY RITA MCDONALD & FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF LEONARD & CLAIRE WEGRZYNOWICZ BY RITA MCDONALD & FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH P. MCDONALD BY RITA MCDONALD & FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF CATHERINE & BONAVENTURE LOMBARDELLI BY BERNADETTE DRUBY; IN MEMORY OF PATRICIA & LEO DRUBY BY BERNADETTE DRUBY; IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY MOM, DAD, CASEY & JARED; IN MEMORY OF GILBERT, GERALDINE & JENNI COONEY BY FAMILY; IN LOVING MEMORY OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF
NARDONE/BIALEK FAMILIES BY THE NARDONE FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF KIMBERLY MCGOVERN PLISKA BY MOM & DAD;
IN MEMORY OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF MCGOVERN/BOSTON FAMILY BY MCGOVERN & GALARDI FAMILIES;
IN MEMORY OF CARL S. BOZINKO BY THE FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MICHAEL KENDRA FAMILY BY MARY BOZINKO; FOR ALL LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN'S SOCIETY BY THE SOCIETY;
IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM BLY BY HIS WIFE & FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF JANET TYSON BY THE BLY FAMILY; A CHRISTMAS
REMEMBRANCE FOR STANLEY & IRENE KOPICZAK BY DAUGHTER JOANN; A CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE FOR HELEN &
ANN MARIE KARLO BY NIECE JOANN; IN MEMORY OF KELLY CONNELLY BY THE BARGER FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF ANNA ALESZCZYK BY THE BARGER FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF KATHERINE SVETZ BY MARIANNE SHULO AND IN MEMORY OF
THERESA WASHKO BY SISTER MARY ANN & HUSBAND BILL.

A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK: IN MEMORY OF ZACH KOLLAR BY HIS GRANDPARENTS DOROTHY & DOMINICK FERRO; IN MEMORY OF STEPHEN OPET JR. BY OPET FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF THOMAS M. HART SR. BY WIFE JO & FAMILY; IN LOVING MEMORY OF JIM LONDERGAN BY WIFE FRANCIE; IN LOVING MEMORY OF BILL GALARDI
BY WIFE NANCY & SONS; IN LOVING MEMORY OF DECEASED MEMBERS BURCZY/VOLCIAK FAMILIES BY THE BURCZY FAMILY;
IN MEMORY OF JOHN & HELEN MUSIAL BY FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF JONATHAN ELICK BY RITA MCDONALD & FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH & ANNE MCDONALD BY RITA MCDONALD & FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF BILL VANCOSKY BY WIFE ANN MARIE; IN MEMORY OF JACK & NANCY MCGOVERN BY THEIR FAMILY; FOR DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MCGOVERN FAMILY BY VANCOSKY & GILLIS FAMILY; FOR DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE CONAHAN FAMILY BY VANCOSKY
& GILLIS FAMILY; FOR DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE VANCOSKY FAMILY BY ANN MARIE VANCOSKY; IN MEMORY OF KAREN HESS BY ANN MARIE VANCOSKY; IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH J. MERLIE BY THE BARGER FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF ZIG & LINDA ROEBUCK BY THE BARGER FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF ANN MARIE MERLIE BY THE BARGER FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF ROBERT ODONNELL BY ROB & GWEN ODONNELL; IN MEMORY OF MARY & JOHN SVETZ BY MARIANNE SHULO;