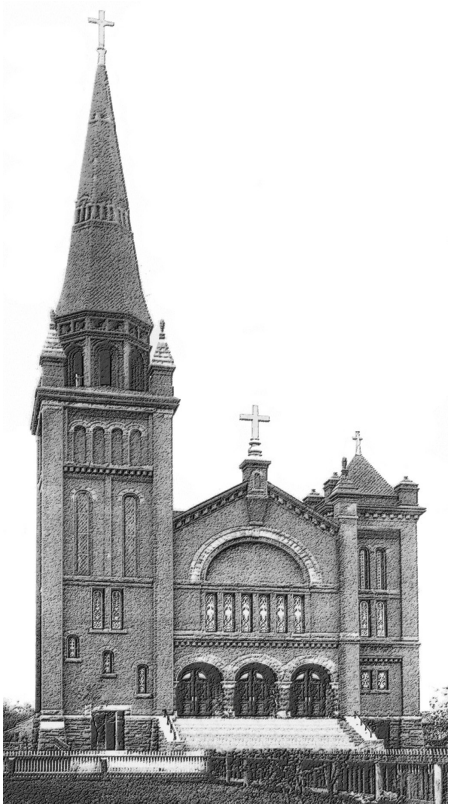

JANUARY 22, 2023
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.
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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**
E-Mail:	**saintlhrc@gmail.com**
Baptisms & Weddings:	**Call the Rectory**

READINGS: (SUN., JAN. 29) Zep: 2:3; 3:12-13 Ps 146:6-10 1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 5:1-12a
Blessed are the humble of the earth, blessed are the poor in spirit! Such are the ones God has chosen to confound the strong of this world.

St. Leo the Great Mission Statement

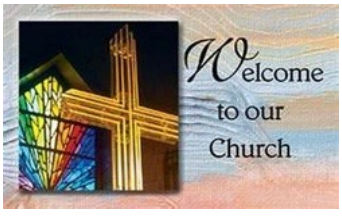
We, the members of the Body of Christ of the Parish of St. Leo the Great, in fullness of love of God and Neighbor, wish to affirm our unity in faith, expressed most completely in the celebration of the Eucharist. We continue the work of our founder Jesus Christ in serving all in healing, charity, religious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

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.***



SAFETY: Please be cautious when entering/exiting the Church and hold onto the handrails on the steps and use extra caution and take your time, especially in poor weather. Thank you.
NEW INSIDE KITCHEN PRECAUTIONS: Please do not use the Church Hall entrance until further notice.
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.

ST. JOSEPH ICON: Every few years, the Knights of Columbus selects an icon of a saint whose patronage is particularly inspiring to Knights and their communities. Each jurisdiction receives one or several of these icons which travel from council to council and serve as the centerpieces for prayer services in parishes throughout the Order. Our Council is displaying the St. Joseph Icon. "St. Joseph's example of 'creative courage' in the fulfillment of his vocation as father of the Holy Family makes him a particularly good model for all those men who, in these times of uncertainty and unrest, seek to persevere in fidelity to our Lord and his Church, entrusting their lives and the lives of their families to his providential guidance and care." - *Papal Message to the 139th Supreme Convention (2021)*

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.
FIRST PENANCE: The following children will receive First Penance on Sat., Jan. 28: Jaslynn Betances, Maddox Centak, Brayden Crawford, Samuel Frank, Benjamin Nealon, Emma Sapulak, Ava Schultz, Jax on Senczakowicz, Kaylee Taylor & Natalie Yenchak. Please pray for these children as they prepare to receive the Sacrament.
FIRST PENANCE PRACTICES: All students (including Catholic school children) are asked to attend CCD on Sun., Jan. 22 from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. in the Church. Also on Sun., Jan. 22 the children will meet from 4 - 6 p.m. in the Church. Pizza will be provided. Practice on Thurs., Jan. 26, 6 - 7 p.m. in the Church.
CHILDREN'S MASS: Sun., Jan. 22 at 8:30a.m. Please bring your children to attend & participate in Mass.
SAVE IMPORTANT 2023 DATES: *First Penance*: Sat., Jan. 28 at 11 a.m.; ***First Holy Communion*:** Sun., May 7 - 11 a.m. & ***Confirmation*:** Sun., May 28 - 11 a.m. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

THANK YOU: With gratitude for your Weekly Sacrifice! We are grateful to all who financially sacrifice to support our parish & its ministries! May God Bless You for your faithfulness, generosity & love.
THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY ANNUAL NON-SMOKING SMOKER: Sun., Jan. 22. A celebration of the half-way point in the Holy Name year. All men of the parish are invited! A brief business meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. Food and fellowship follow at 2:00 p.m. We will tune in to a NFL playoff game.
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING: Tues., Jan. 24 in the Education Center. All members are urged to attend.
MEMORIAL OF ST. BLAISE/BLESSING OF THROATS: Fri., Feb. 3 is the Memorial of St. Blaise. The traditional blessing of throats will take place during the weekend Masses of Feb. 4 & 5 at St. Leo the Great Church. Please come to receive your blessing.
WORLD DAY OF THE SICK: In observance of the World Day of the Sick, anointing of the sick will take place after all Masses the weekend of Feb. 11 & 12.
2023 CALENDARS: Are at all entrances of the Church. **THANK YOU:** To Lehman Family Funeral Service, Inc. and George A. Strish, Inc. Funeral Homes for their generous donation of the 2023 calendars. May God Bless them for their dedication to our Parish.
2022 ST. LEO THE GREAT TAX STATEMENTS: Itemized statements of contributions for tax purposes will be issued to any parishioner requesting one. Please call or email the Rectory. Thank you.

2022 DIOCESAN APPEAL: Please consider how you are able to open your hands and hearts to embrace the poor, just as Jesus did. The Annual Appeal has raised $3.9 million from 17,917 donors, 87% of the overall goal. Our parish goal is $33,000.00 and we have raised 20,545.00 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!

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend Jan. 21 & 22 for the Church in Latin America. Please be generous. Thank you.

RECTORY, SET, COOK II: Support the anti-hunger initiatives of Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton by voting on dioceseofscranton.org for your favorite pastor chef before noon on Tues., Feb 21. $10 = 1 vote. Please contact Sandra Snyder at 570 591-5004 or Sandra-Snyder@dioceseofscranton.org with questions. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS: To the newest member of our parish, Juliana Mary Ellis daughter of James Jr. & Janelle Ellis who was baptized on Sun., Jan. 15. May God Bless her.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thurs., Feb. 2 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Maria Goretti Church 42 Redwood Dr., Laflin. Speaker, Reconciliation and Social. Live Music by Joel Kankiewicz.

ST. PAULY TEXTILE, INC. THANK YOU: Over 12,000 pounds of clothes were donated in 2022 to our shed enough to clothe an estimated 2,271 people all over the world. May God Bless You for your generosity.

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, Stella Bobrowski, John Mahle Sr. , Cinde Linker and all the faithful departed especially Dolores Dempkoski and Frank Stanick. If you know someone ill or you want us to pray for, please call the rectory at (570) 825-6669. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK				
Monday	01/23	8:00 AM	Father Leo McKernan 1st Anniversary of His Death	
Tuesday	01/24	8:00 AM	John Centak	Yvonne & Daniel Masakowski
Wednesday	01/25	8:00 AM	No Mass	
Thursday	01/26	8:00 AM	James Housenick	Wife & Family
Friday	01/27	8:00 AM	Helen Hooper	Family
Saturday	01/28	4:30 PM	Raymond Ostrowski	Family
Sunday	01/29	8:30 AM	For Our Parishioners	
		11:00 AM	Eleanor True	The Mitchell Family

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK: IN MEMORY OF THOMAS CHESNEY BY JOE & ROBIN YEDLOCK; IN MEMORY OF THOMAS M. HART SR. BY WIFE JO & FAMILY AND FOR HEALTH & BLESSINGS OF BRIAN CASEY BY HIS BROTHER.

A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK: FOR A SPECIAL INTENTION; IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY BELLAS FAMILY; IN LOVING MEMORY OF GRANDSON MICHAEL ECKROTE BY GRANDMOTHER FRAN; IN LOVING MEMORY OF SON CHARLES ROMANOWSKI JR. BY MOM FRAN AND IN MEMORY OF LEO & JACKIE DANEY BY NORENE BRADSHAW.

A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK: IN MEMORY OF LEONARD OKUNIEWSKI BY MARLENE GLUHANICK; IN MEMORY OF LEONARD OKUNIEWSKI BY THE SLAUZIS FAMILY; IN LOVING MEMORY OF JIM LONDERGAN BY HIS WIFE FRANCIE; IN MEMORY OF OUR GRANDSON ZACH KOLLAR BY HIS GRANDPARENTS DOROTHY & DOMINICK FERRO AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF BILL GALARDI BY WIFE NANCY & SONS.

Sanctuary, Blessed Mother and Sacred Heart Candles are available for purchase for 2023. They are $10.00 each. Please call the Rectory at (570) 825-6669 if you would like to dedicate a candle for someone. 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.

SACRED HEART OF JESUS CHURCH, DUPONT LENTEN PIEROGIE SALE: Sat., Jan. 28, 3 - 5p.m., & Sun., Jan. 29, 8 - 11:30a.m. in the church hall. Phone orders will not be taken. Pierogies $12/dozen. Potato and cabbage pierogie. Distribution will begin at the start of Lent. Payment made at pick-up – cash only, no checks.

HOLY HOUR: Sun., Jan. 29 at 2:00pm at Christ the King Chapel at King's College 31 W. North St., WB by the Order of Alhambra. The Eucharistic Adoration will be led by Fr. James McGahagan. All faithful are invited to attend.

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH WILKES-BARRE "GERMAN NIGHT": Sat., Feb. 18 at St. Nick's/St. Mary's School Auditorium 240 S. Washington St., WB. Doors open 6 p.m. German meal 6:15 p.m. Tickets $30/adult ADVANCED SALES ONLY. Reserved seating for group of 8 or more. Dancing 7:30 -10:30 p.m. by The George Tarasek Orchestra. Call (570) 823-7736 for tickets/more info.

THE INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF ALHAMBRA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: Provides financial aid to students pursuing careers in education for persons with disabilities. The program is open to all eligible U.S. residents. Eligibility guidelines include undergraduate juniors/seniors enrolled in qualifying programs, master's degree and community college students specializing in special education studies who have accrued half of the

ST. LEO THE GREAT CHOIR REHEARSAL: Tuesdays 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. and 30 minute warm-ups before masses. The choir serves at the 4:30 p.m. Sat. and 11:00 a.m. Sun. masses rotating weekly thru May 28, 2023.

CANTORS NEEDED: If you are called to this ministry, please contact Robert Passetti 570 814-1747 to discuss.

ASHLEY FOOD PANTRY

Next open Thurs., Feb. 9 - Alternate date Thurs., Feb. 16

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

ITEMS IN NEED:

Saltines and all varieties of crackers. 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 01/15/23	**$7,516.00**