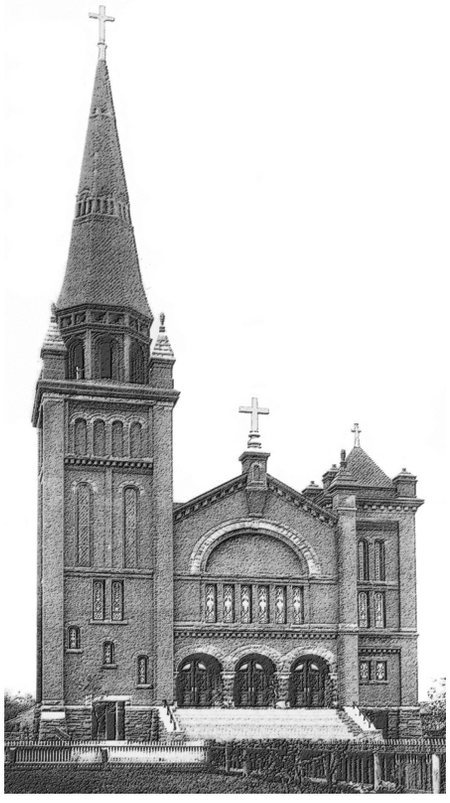


JANUARY 7, 2024
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH

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

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., Jan. 14) 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Jn 1:35-42

Through baptism we have been joined to the Lord who calls us to be his disciples. How well do we listen to his voice? How willing are we to do his will?

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.

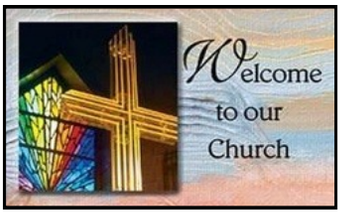
CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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.***



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / CCD INFORMATION
Our CCD Motto is "MASS AND CLASS OR CLASS AND MASS"
Classes are from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Sunday in the Education Center
Mrs. Michele Casey, DRE (570) 760-9793

FIRST PENANCE PRACTICES: Catholic school students included should attend regular CCD classes on Sun., Jan. 14 & 21 and a work session for all students will be held Sun., Jan 21 from 3-5p.m. Father Dang will speak with the parents at the final practice on Thurs., Jan 25 at 6 p.m. Only 1 parent needs to attend and they are asked stay as the children can leave as soon as they are done.

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. Thank you.

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/Xfinity channel 12 & Service Electric Cable TV channel 18.

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 2024 DATES: ***First Penance*:** Sat., Jan. 27 at 11 a.m.; ***Confirmation*:** Wed., April 10 **at 6:30 p.m.** with Bishop Bambera at St. Faustina Parish, Nanticoke & ***First Holy Communion*:** Sun., May 5 at 11 a.m. Please mark these dates on your calendar. Thank you.

TAKING DOWN THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: Mon., Jan. 8 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. If you are able to help, please come. Thank you.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING: Tues., Jan. 9 at 6 p.m. in the Church Hall. All members are urged to attend.

THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING & ANNUAL NON-SMOKING SMOKER: Sun., Jan. 14. This is the celebration of the half-way point in our Holy Name year. All men of the parish are invited! A brief business meeting will be held after the 11 a.m. Mass. Food and fellowship follow. We will tune in to an NFL playoff game.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: Mon., Jan. 22 at 6 p.m. in the Church Hall. All members are asked to please attend. If you cannot please notify Bernadette Druby or call the Rectory. Thank you.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL LOTTERY CALENDARS: Are available for $5.00 for 2 numbers for the night time PA lottery drawing in Feb. 2024. Please call Christine Casey to purchase at (570) 262-5008.

2023 DIOCESAN APPEAL: The Diocese of Scranton's agencies and ministries are lifelines of hope to so many people in our communities. The Appeal provides critical funding for these services. Your pledge or one time gift is a tangible way to support our brothers and sisters in Christ. And you, in turn, share in the joy of bringing hope into the lives of those we serve. Our parish goal is $33,000.00. We have raised $16,430.00 to date. Thank you for your continued support!

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.

ST. LEO THE GREAT TAX STATEMENTS: Itemized statements of contributions for tax purposes will be issued to any parishioner requesting one. 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.

CONGRATULATIONS: To the newest member of our Parish, Owen James Campbell son of Thomas & Casey Campbell. Owen was baptized on Sun., Dec. 31. May God Bless him.

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend, Jan. 6 & 7 for Care & Education of Priests. Please be generous. May God Bless You Always.

ATTN: EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, LECTORS & YOUTH ALTAR SERVERS: The mass schedule for 1/13 to 2/14 is ready to be picked up in the Sacristy. Please get a replacement if you can't serve when you are scheduled. Notify Toni at (570) 868-8215, text (570) 706-0160 or email alrisc@hotmail.com with any special requests or if you can no longer serve. Thank you for serving our parish.

A SPIRITUAL RETREAT DESIGNED BY & FOR WOMEN - THE BOLD & BELOVED RETREAT: Featuring reflections and discussions on the teachings of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, led by Kara Kardell and Fred Shellabarger, founders of Draw Near, a movement that draws people close to Christ and one another. January 26-28 at Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center, Dalton. Check in: 4 – 6:45pm on Fri., Jan. 26 and Check out: 12:30 – 1:30pm on Sun., Jan. 28. To Register visit http://tinyurl.com/BoldandBeloved. For more info call the Office for Parish Life (570) 207-2213 x1100.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thurs., Feb. 1 at 7 p.m. at St. Maria Goretti Church 42 Redwood Dr., Laflin. Speaker, Reconciliation and Social.

ERZA 10:4 A RETREAT FOR MEN DISCERNING THE PRIESTHOOD: March 1-2 at the Holy Family Spiritual Renewal Center, Nanticoke presented by Rev. Alex Roche. Register at dioceseofscranton.org/vocations.

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: Jared & Debbie Bellas, Lois O'Hara, Florence Ryder, Tom Smith, Marion Ferguson, Joyce Seiger, Frank Kempf, Louise Brant, Robert Lusk, Jean Wiernusz, Karen Hannis, Margaret Sipple, Robert Bozek, Christopher Fee, Bonnie Turchin, Maryann Lavan, Jesse Mendoza, Billy Shemanski, George Warman, David Bukoski Jr., Jonathan Elick, Dan R., Cynthia Sickler, Elaine Warman, Tia Toney, John Pac, Terry Murphy, Elaine Thornton, Mary Ann Yedloski, Michael Ralston, Lauran McDonald, Thomas Gorman, Quinn Gorman, Marie Keegan, Chloe Brown, Margaret Prestas, Dylan Culp, Terri Belanchik, Thomas & Louise Cavanaugh, Justin Thompson, Maria Wujik, Joseph Kulbaski, David Pudlosky, Pam Gibson, Cameron Wilson, Abigail Klass, Pat C., Roslyn Glynn, Michael Corcoran, Chris Klau, Albert Vrabel, Pam Kalinowski, Dolores Loughnane, Christopher Mortensen, , Mary Frances Heiser, Sharon Keefe, Betty Oldfield, Linda Reedy, John Devaney, Mark Mazillo, William (Duke) Hughes, Lisa Urbanski, Donna Nealon, Joann Blaine, Brian Casey, Maureen Ehret, Sue Devaney-McClatchy, Jo Hart, Stella Bobrowski, Cinde Linker, Bailey Barnds, The Reynolds, Fadden & Alfano Families, Teresa Kucharski, Nicole Halvorsen, Jackson Chapasko, Ruth Pettinger, Frank Sorokach, Jennifer Warren, Darlene Abraham, Lori Morris, Jolene Maleski, Sharon Koter, Vivian Grace Busardo, Benjamin Rae, Janice Pask, Judie Martin, Ruth Kackauskas, Thomas Mark Kinney, Nick Santana, Mary Himmel, Janice Divers, Bonnie Balakier, Jessica Mbaye, Diane Rybak, Bobby Ramage, Barbara Wasilewski, Yvonne Witkowski, Janet Peake, Alice Pahler,
Joseph Yedlock, David Connell, Donna Ransom, Jeff Statkiewicz, Mary Hoffman, Patty Gudz and all the faithful departed. If you know someone ill or you want us to pray for, please call the rectory.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK				
Monday	01/08	8:00 AM	Conversion & Salvation for all our loved ones	Family
Tuesday	01/09	8:00 AM	Joseph McDonough Jr.	Lisa Jefferson
Wednesday	01/10	8:00 AM	No Mass	
Thursday	01/11	8:00 AM	Adeline M. Orloski	Lisa Jefferson
Friday	01/12	8:00 AM	Theresa Gutosky Woydzick	St. Leos Cyrenians
Saturday	01/13	4:30 PM	Annette Laxton	Her Mom & Dad Toni & George Riscavage
Sunday	01/14	8:30 AM	Corine Hockenbury	Jim & Jean Marie Hockenbury
		11:00 AM	Eileen Duffy Schmidt	Philip & Joann Duffy

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK: IN MEMORY OF THOMAS M. HART SR. BY WIFE JO & FAMILY AND IN MEMORY OF ZACH KOLLAR BY HIS GRANDPARENTS DOROTHY & DOMINICK FERRO.
A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK: IN MEMORY OF GLENNON FAMILY BY GLENNON FAMILY; FOR HEALTH & BLESSINGS OF BRIAN CASEY BY HIS BROTHER; IN MEMORY OF ANNA MAY ALTAVILLA BY A FRIEND; IN MEMORY OF CHARLES ROMANOWSKI BY LOVING WIFE FRAN & FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF CHARLES ROMANOWSKI JR. BY MOTHER FRAN & FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF MIKE ECKROTE BY GRANDMOTHER FRAN &
FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF ROSE & JACK WALSH BY THEIR SON JOHN AND IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY
BELLAS FAMILY.
A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK: IN LOVING MEMORY OF JIM LONDERGAN BY HIS WIFE FRANICE; IN MEMORY OF RICHARD L. COLARUSSO; IN MEMORY OF ANDREW & SOPHIE LAWRENCE BY DAUGHTER FRAN & FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF PETER & ELIZABETH ROMANOWSKI BY DAUGHTER-IN-LAW FRAN; IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH & HELEN KOBYLARSKI BY GRANDDAUGHTER FRAN; IN MEMORY OF JOHN & PAULINE LAWRENCE BY GRANDDAUGHTER FRAN AND IN MEMORY OF LEONARD OKUNIEWSKI BY FAMILY.

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. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-HourChild Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. 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.

ASHLEY FOOD PANTRY
For clients residing in the 18706 zip code
Open: Thurs., Jan. 11 & Alternate Date: Thurs., Jan. 18
10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

January: Pancake Mix/Syrup
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 12/31/23	**$6,715.25**