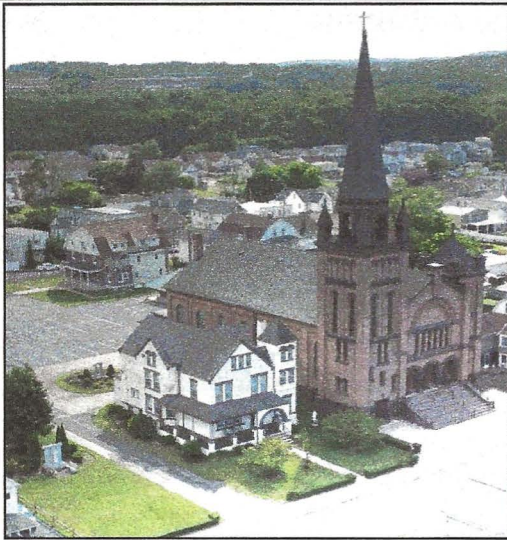


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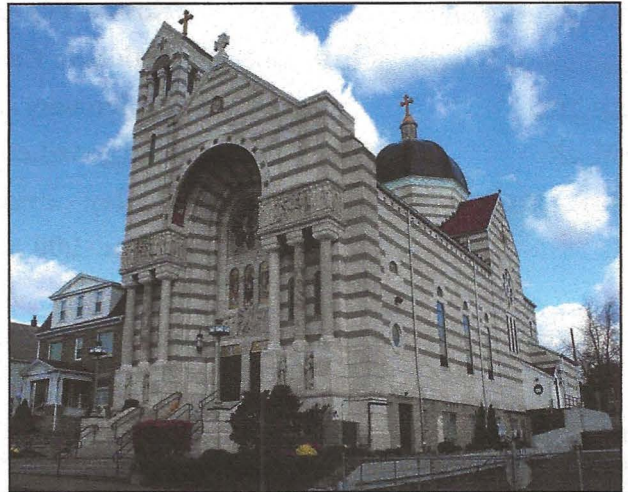
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**St. Leo the Great Mission Statement**

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.

**St. Andrew Mission Statement**

We, the people of St. Andrew Parish in Wilkes-Barre, strive to encounter the God who loves us, to remain a community that welcomes strangers as warmly as we do our fellow parishioners, and to become the hands of God in a world in need of divine peace and love.

**ST. LEO THE GREAT & ST. ANDREW MASS SCHEDULE**

**WEEKEND**

**Saturday 4:00 p.m. (St. Leo), 5:30 p.m. (St. Andrew)**

**Sunday 8:30 a.m. (St. Leo), 11:00 a.m. (St. Andrew)**

**WEEKDAYS**

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday 8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)**

**HOLY DAYS**

**(Vigil) 5:15 p.m. (St. Leo), (Day) 8:00 a.m. (St. Leo), 5:15 p.m. (St. Andrew)**

**CONFESSION**

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 7:45 a.m. (St. Leo)**

**Saturday 3:30 p.m. (St. Leo), 5:00 p.m. (St. Andrew)**

**BAPTISM & WEDDINGS**

**Call the Rectory**



**NEW PARISHIONERS:** We, the parishes of St. Leo the Great & St. Andrew, welcome new parishioners to register with our parish by calling the Rectory at (570) 825-6669 or (570) 823-1948 or stop by during office hours. We are handicap accessible. We also invite you to visit our web pages.

<u>Administrative Asst:</u>	Marina Kachinko	<u>Administrative Asst:</u>	Helene Skopek-Krygier
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	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.		

#### Readings for Sunday August 17, 2025

**First Reading:** Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite to take three men along with him, and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die. (Jer 38:10)

**Psalm:** Lord, come to my aid! (Ps 40)

**Second Reading:** Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us. (Heb 12:1)

**Gospel:** Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" (Lk 12:49)

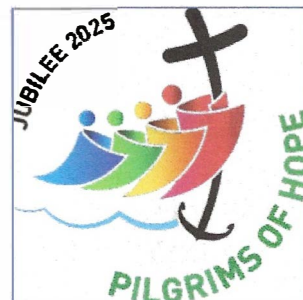
#### IMPORTANT SPECIAL MESSAGE

Weekly Envelopes for AUGUST have been late in delivery due to an error within the Post Office. We have contacted the company that prints our envelopes (Our Sunday Visitor) and they say that this is a problem throughout Pennsylvania. We have learned that other local parishes are also affected by this delay. Until the envelopes are delivered, please put any contributions in a plain envelope or there are envelopes at the church that can be used. Write your name, the amount and what the contribution is for (Sunday Offering, Care & Education of Priests, etc.) on the front of the envelope before you drop it in the collection basket or the mail slot at the rectory door.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING.**

**THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY INTO HEAVEN (FRIDAY, AUGUST 15):** This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated on Thurs. (Vigil) Aug. 14 at 5:15 p.m. at St. Leo Church, and on Frid., Aug. 15 at 8:00 a.m. at St. Leo Church and 5:15 p.m. at St. Andrew Church. We honor our Mother Mary, who was raised body and soul into heaven. We believe that she enjoys the fullness of eternal life after death with God, a promise he made to all of us. We believe that Mary listens to our prayers and intercedes for us from heaven.

**DIOCESAN JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE:** On Wednesday, October 1, 2025 the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera will lead the Jubilee Year of Hope Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC. The day will include opportunities for prayer, confession, touring the National Shrine and the campus of the Catholic University of America. The visit concludes with Mass in the Basilica. Buses will pick up passengers in our area. To ensure bus transportation, it is necessary to hold strictly to a **reservation deadline of FRIDAY, AUGUST 15**. Bus fare is \$80.00 per person. Please make checks payable to St. Leo the Great Parish. To register, contact St. Leo or St. Andrew Church Office or call Mary Anne Malone (570) 709-4963.



**HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING:** Sun., Aug. 10 after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Members are asked to attend.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING:** Tues., Aug. 12 at 6 p.m. in the Church Hall. All members are urged to attend.

**THANK YOU:** For your generosity to the collection for the Care & Education of Priests. May God bless you.

**NEW ROOF ON ST. LEO CHURCH:** In the next week or so, we will start to replace the roof of St. Leo Church. If you would like to donate to this special project, please see Fr. Dang or contact the Rectory. (570) 825-6669. Thank you to all who have given and may God bless you for your dedication to our parish.



**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Susie Ambrose, Eugene Antos, Bonnie Balakier, Bailey Barnds, Alice Battista, Terri Belanchik, Ed Belaski, Jared & Debbie Bellas, Msgr. Jack Bendik, Michael Bly III, Stella Bobrowski, Robert Bozek, Louise Brant, Valerie Brody, Chloe Brown, David Bukoski, Jr., Vivian Grace Busardo, Pat C., Thomas & Louise Cavanaugh, Jackson Chapasko, John Chernesky, Bob Ciritella, Michael Corcoran, Dylan Culp, John Devaney, Janice Divers, Tom Drozda, Hunter Durland, Maureen Ehret, Jonathan Elick, David Evanko, Fadden & Alfano Families, Ron Fedorczyk, Christopher Fee, Marion Ferguson, Jean Flanley, Regina Fillman, Catherine Gallagher, Pam Gibson, Roslyn Glynn, Thomas Gorman, Quinn Gorman, Raymond Griffin, Karen Gula, Nicole Halversen, Karen Hannis, Jo Hart, Mary Frances Heiser, Mary Himmel, Mary Hoffman, Ruth Kackauskas, Frank Kempf, Thomas Mark Kinney, Abigail Klass, Chris Klau, Dakota Kledaras, Charles Koulik Jr., Marie Koulik, Teresa Kucharski, Joseph Kulbaski, Maryann Lavan, Cathy Linker, Cinde Linker, Rachel Lohman, Ed & Janet Lopez, Janice Lord, Robert Lusk, Dale Malone, Sean P. Malone, Loren Mankey, Jodie Martin, Lauren McDonald, Jillian Meehan, Debbie Mellas, Jesse Mendoza, Mary Ann Mihneski, Paul, Milford, Christopher Mortensen, Terry Murphy, Margaret Nealon, Lois O'Hara, Lenny Okuniewski, Betty Oldfield, John Ostrum, Infant William Owen, Christine Owens, John Pac, Maria Parra, Janet Peake, Andrew Petezak, Mary Kay Pettinger, Andrew Petyak, Eileen Phillips, Brian Pollick, Margaret Prestas, David Pudlosky, Dan R., Benjamin Rae, Michael Ralston, Tom Ralston, Bobby Ramage, Donna Ransom, Marie Lu Reinninger, The Reynolds, Bob Roddy, Libby Rush, Florence Ryder, Nick Santana, Josh Schlegel, Joyce Seiger, Helen Semanski, Cynthia Sickler, Kevin Sinnott, Margaret Sipple, Ed Sively, Tom Smith, Neil Smith, Frank Sorokach, Michael Sedon, Theresa Shrader, Jeff Statkiewicz, Nico Stavish, Tony Straka, Charlotte Thomas, Jim Thomas, Justin Thompson, Charlotte Thomas, Lisa Urbanski, Bonnie Usmail, Albert Vrabel, Rose Wallace, George Warman, Elaine Warman, Barbara Wasilewski, Bob Weidow, Jean Wiernusz, Cameron Wilson, Mary Wisniewski, Maria Wujik, Joseph Yedlock, Mary Ann Yedloski, Patty Zukoski and the faithful departed, Irene M. Polchin and Eric Pastorok. If you know

**ST. LEO ADULT FAITH FORMATION:** Beginning on Monday, September 8, our parish Bible Study will be **Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled**. This is an eight (8) session series led once again by Rev. Joseph Kakareka. We will meet on Mondays in St. Leo the Great Church Hall from 1:00—2:30 p.m. The dates are: 9/8, 9/15, 9/22, 9/29, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3 & 11/10. The cost for the program will be \$30.00. If you are interested or want more information, please call Mary Anne Malone (570) 709-4963 by Aug. 18 so that materials can be ordered in time for the first class. All are welcome!

#### ST. ANDREW MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, August 9, 5:30 p.m.:** Lector: Kim Stepanski; Extraordinary Minister: Maryellen Sloat; Altar Server: Helene Skopek-Krygier.

**Sunday, August 10, 11:00 a.m.:** Lector: Ken Yanora; Extraordinary Minister: Colleen Yanora; Altar Server: Harley Dunbar, Thomas Dunbar, Colleen Jorda.

**Friday, August 15, 5:15 p.m.:** Lector: Kathy Smith; Extraordinary Minister: Helene Skopek-Krygier; Altar Server: Helene Skopek-Krygier.

**Saturday, August 16, 5:30 p.m.:** Lector: Steve Yenchak; Extraordinary Minister: Margaret Sharksnas; Altar Server: Pete Bonczewski.

**Sunday, August 17, 11:00 a.m.:** Lector: Patrick Bradshaw, Megan Bradshaw; Extraordinary Minister: Nick Lutz; Altar Server: Gianna Altavilla, Anna Altavilla.



#### ASHLEY FOOD PANTRY

For clients residing in the 18706 zip code  
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**Items in special need for August**  
**64 oz. Drinks: Apple/Orange/Grape**

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.*  
(2 Corinthians 9:7)

#### Weekly Collection 8/03/2025

St. Leo: \$ 4,803.00	St. Andrew: \$ 1,896.00
Care of Priests: \$ 296.00	2nd Collection: \$ 368.14

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK AT ST. LEO & ST. ANDREW**

Monday	08/11	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Mary Flaherty Hatten	Children
Tuesday	08/12	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Joseph Ferreira	Wife & Children
Wednesday	08/13	No Mass		
Thursday	08/14	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Frank J. Aukstakalnis	Rob & Nancy Kost
Vigil of the Assumption		5:15 p.m. (St. Leo)	John J. Roddy	Mary Anne
Friday Solemnity of the Assumption	08/15	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Deceased Members of the Baseski & Madrak Families	Lance & Marianne Baseski
		5:15 p.m. (St. Andrew)	Gloria Dressler Claudia J. Hoffman	Mary Ann Koch Husband, William & Family
Saturday	08/16	4:00 p.m. (St. Leo)	James Witinski	Chris Witinski
		5:30 p.m. (St. Andrew)	Frances Kubbishun	Family
Sunday	08/17	8:30 a.m. (St. Leo)	Charles Drazba, Jr.	Children
		11:00a.m. (St. Andrew)	Jerry Washinski	Wife, Theresa & Family

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO):** In Memory of Deceased Members of the Baseski & Madrak Families by Lance & Marianne Baseski; In Memory of Frank Aukstakalnis by Darryl Tomko; In Memory of Thomas Heiser by Darryl Tomko.

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. ANDREW):** In Memory of Gene Belardinelli by Penny Mericle.

**A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO):** In Memory of Zach Kollar by his Grandparents Dorothy & Dominick Ferro; In Loving Memory of Catherine & Edmund Krzywicki by Daughter, Mary Lou & Family. In Loving Memory of John W. McCann by Family; In Loving Memory of Helen Schlosser by Aunt Millie's Family; In Memory of Michael Delaney by Molly, Kenny & Family; For Health of Sean Malone by Mom; In Memory of Michael Bellas by Mom, Dad, Casey & Jared; In Loving Memory of Mary Ann Fedorczyk by Her Husband, Ron; For Health of Bob Roddy by Sister, Mary Anne.

**A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. ANDREW):** In Memory of Stephen J. Yenchak, Wizda, Yenchak, Matsko & Machonis Families and Edward & Irene Polchin by Steve & Mary Yenchak; For the Health & Healing of Michael Bly III by Mother & Father; For the Health & Healing of Ed Sively by Helene; In Memory of Claudia J. Hoffman by Husband, William; For the Health & Healing of Helene Sirak by Daughters, Mickie and Helene; For the Health & Healing of Karen Grula by Special Friend.

**SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO):** In Loving Memory of Jim Londergan by His Wife Francie; In Memory of Michael Delaney by John; In Memory of John Lukas by Millie Nardone's Family; In Memory of Greg Draina by the Fedorczyk Family.

**A SAINT JOSEPH CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. ANDREW):** For Our Parishioners.

**If you would like to dedicate a candle for someone, please call the Rectory  
(570) 825-6669 (St. Leo) or (570) 823-1948 (St. Andrew). Offering is \$10.**



**ST. ANDREW USED BOOK & PUZZLE SALE:** Sat., Aug. 23 (1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.) and Sun., Aug. 24 (10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.) Donations of gently used books and puzzles will be accepted until the day of the sale. Please drop off donations in the box located in the church vestibule or at the rectory during office hours. Thank you in advance for your interest and donations!

**THE DIOCESAN YOUTH RALLY:** Students in the 7th-12th grades are invited Sat., Sept. 27 for the 3rd annual Diocesan Youth Rally, "Anchored in Hope: ¡Viva Cristo Rey!" It will be a day to deepen your faith, make new friends and experience fun and fellowship. It will take place at Notre Dame High School in East Stroudsburg from 1-8 p.m., Check-in opens at 12:30 p.m. Registration \$30.00, includes dinner and a t-shirt. Registration closes Sept. 13 and must come through the Rectory (570) 825-6669. Please call if you are interested.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION

**Our CCD Motto is "MASS AND CLASS or CLASS AND MASS"**

Have a safe summer vacation, but remember, it is not a vacation from Sunday Mass.  
Classes will resume after Labor Day.

**2026 MASS INTENTIONS ST. LEO:** Can be booked during office hours. Due to the size of our parish, please be mindful that there are a limited number of Masses available. To be fair, there is a limit of two (2) weekend and three (3) weekday masses per family, so please coordinate requests with your extended family. A mass can be requested for multiple people. (Ex. Husband and wife or mother, father and brother). You might also want to consider other ways to honor your deceased loved ones: private prayer, lighting a candle, making a prayerful offering of a Mass you attend for the repose of a soul. 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.

**2026 MASS INTENTIONS ST. ANDREW:** Can be booked but due to the size of our parish and that only weekend and holy day masses are available, there is a limit of two (2) mass requests per family. A mass can be requested for multiple people. (Ex. Husband and wife or mother, father, and brother). Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

**ST. ANDREW OUTSIDE PANTRY:** Without school meal programs in summer, many children go hungry. Please help keep our food pantry stocked with non-perishable items over the summer.

**ST. ANDREW BULLETIN BOARD:** Has been added to the foyer of the church with information received from other parishes. Stop by to see what is happening in our diocese.

### **UPCOMING PARISH BAZAARS AND FESTIVALS IN OUR AREA:**

- St. John the Baptist, Larksville - Last two nights - August 9 and 10

**BE A CATHOLIC MAN CONFERENCE:** October 4, 2025 from 8:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m. at Holy Redeemer High School. The theme this year is "Christ is King". Early bird registration \$30.00 until 9/15/25 (\$40 after). Students \$15. Morning coffee and box lunch included. For general questions about the Conference you may call Mike at (570) 721-0872.

**CHOIR VOICES NEEDED AT ST. LEO CHURCH:** If you like to sing in church, why not join our choir? Choir members and cantors are always needed. We practice on Mondays from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., and we sing at the Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass on the first Sunday of the month. On all other weekends, we sing at the Saturday Mass at 4:00 p.m. Do you play an instrument? Talk to Bob Passetti, our Choir Director.

**ST. LEO EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, LECTORS & YOUTH ALTAR SERVERS:** The mass schedule for 8/16 to 9/21 is ready to be picked up in the Sacristy. Please get a replacement if you cannot serve when you are scheduled. Notify Toni at (570) 868-8215 or alrisc@hotmail.com with any special requests or if you can no longer serve. Thank you.

**PERPETUAL NOVENA IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL:** Every Monday after 8 a.m. Mass at St. Leo Church 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 at St. Leo Church.

**ST. LEO COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND:** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion from St. Leo's take Holy Communion to the sick/homebound the first Sunday of every month after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. 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 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 (St. Leo) or (570) 823-1948 (St. Andrew). 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.

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