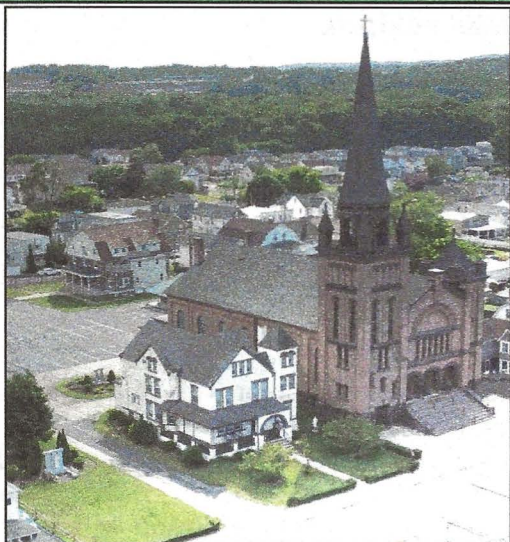


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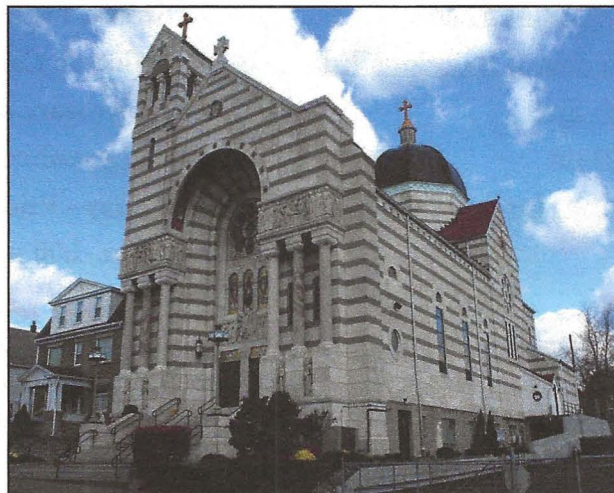
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#### **St. Leo the Great Mission Statement**

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)

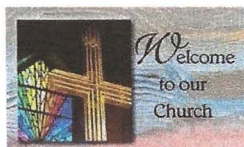
#### **CONFESSION**

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.

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9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**Readings for Sunday August 31, 2025**

**First Reading:** Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God. (Sir 3:18)  
**Psalm:** God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor. (Ps 68)  
**Second Reading:** You have not approached that which could be touched and a blazing fire and gloomy darkness. (Heb 12:18)  
**Gospel:** "For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Lk 14:11)

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**SUMMER FESTIVAL 2025:** The income for our Festival was \$53,678.00 and the expenses were \$23,977.15 leaving a net profit of \$29,700.85. Thank you to all who gave of their time, talent and treasure to make our Festival a success.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR HUMANITARIAN AID TO GAZA:** The week-end of Aug. 30 & 31. Please be generous, as the collection will extend the mercy of Christ to those most vulnerable.

**NEW ROOF ON ST. LEO CHURCH:** The roof of St. Leo Church has been replaced. 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 already given and may God bless you for your dedication to our parish.

**THANK YOU TO FR. JOE LONG:** Father Joe Long will not be able to return to his service at St. Leo the Great and St. Andrew Parishes. We thank him for his unfailing love and dedication to Fr. Vinnie's parishes for over thirty years. His new address is: Rev. Joseph Long, C.S.C., St. Joseph Center, 495 Maple Lane, Valatie, NY 12184. Please keep him in your prayers and may God bless him always.

**FATHER VINNIE'S TRIP TO VIETNAM:** Father will leave to see his family Monday, Aug. 25, and return on Thursday, Sept. 25. Please pray for him and for his safe journey, as he will keep you in his prayers. Holy Cross Priests and Diocesan Priests will celebrate Masses at St. Leo and St. Andrew Parishes in his absence. Please welcome them.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING:** Tues., Aug. 26 at 6 p.m. in the Church Hall. All members are urged to attend.

**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.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To the newest member of St. Andrew Parish, Tristino Joseph Altavilla, Jr., son of Tristino (Tino) & Ariana Altavilla who was baptized on Sun., August 17. May God bless him always.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To the newest members of St. Leo the Great, Lakelyn Tirko daughter of Timothy Tirko and Hannah Eck, and to Theron Joseph Solomon, son of Theron and Caryinna Solomon who were both baptized on Sun., August 17. May God Bless them always.

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA DEVOTEES:** The Lay Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Inc., Caretakers of the Our Lady of Fatima Blessed Grotto will host a celebration to honor our Blessed Mother's birthday Sunday, September 7 on the Blessed Grounds at 51 W. North St., W-B at 6 p.m. with singing of Marian hymns and praying of the 15-decade rosary. All are welcome.

**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, Ann Marie Harley, Jo Hart, Mary Frances Heiser, Mary Himmel, Mary Hoffman, Ruth Kackauskas, Brian Kelly, Pat Kelly, Frank Kempf, Thomas Mark Kinney, Abigail Klass, Chris Klau, 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, Ray Maykovitz, 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, 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, Marie Saltz, 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, 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, Andrew Petyak. If you know someone who is ill or needs our prayers, call the Rectory of St. Leo or St. Andrew.

**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 as soon as possible so that materials can be ordered in time for the first class. All are welcome!

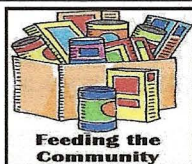
#### ST. ANDREW MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, August 23, 5:30 p.m.:** Lector: Pete Bonczewski; Extraordinary Minister: Mary Ashton; Altar Server: Mia Ashton.

**Sunday, August 24, 11:00 a.m.:** Lector: Yanitsa Gonzalez; Extraordinary Minister: Lori Shovlin; Altar Server: Joshua Gonzalez.

**Saturday, August 30, 5:30 p.m.:** Lector: Steve Yenchak; Extraordinary Minister: Margaret Sharksnas; Altar Server: Helene Skopek-Krygier.

**Sunday, August 31, 11:00 a.m.:** Lector: Kristi Gibson; Extraordinary Minister: Judy Flaherty; Altar Server: Callie Drutchal, Alexander Commiso, Helene.



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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 8/17/2025

St. Leo: \$ 10,248.00

St. Andrew: \$ 2,891.80

2nd Collection: \$ 431.00

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

Monday	08/25	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Dorothy Dobish	The Durko Family
Tuesday	08/26	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Theresa Woydzick	Her Mom, Frances Gutosky
Wednesday	08/27	No Mass		
Thursday	08/28	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Sandra Pepperling Duncannon	St. Leo 8th Grade Class of 1974
Friday	08/29	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Charlotte Bryson	Frank & Marlene Fedak
Saturday	08/30	4:00 p.m. (St. Leo)	Dominick & Mary Calabro	Family
		5:30 p.m. (St. Andrew)	Leona Konopka	Rose Marie Vesek
Sunday	08/31	8:30 a.m. (St. Leo)	Marie Romanowski	The Gallaghers
		11:00a.m. (St. Andrew)	Robbie Stillarty	Rob & Gwen O'Donnell

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO):** In Memory of Zach Kollar by his Grandparents Dorothy & Dominick Ferro; In Memory of Robert Nealon by Family.

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. ANDREW):** In Memory of John Claherty by Wife, Dorothy & Children.

**A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO):** In Loving Memory of Elizabeth M. Vrotkoski by Liz; In Loving Memory of Mimi McGovern Pastusak by the McGovern & Galardi Families; For Health of Sean Malone by Mom; In Memory of Michael Bellas by Mom, Dad, Casey & Jared; In Memory of Frank & Lottie Stanick by Carole Kneal & Gary Burczy; For a Special Intention; For the Living & Deceased Members of the Daney Family by John & Mary Carol Gabla; In Loving Memory of Theresa Yedlock by Her Sister; In Loving Memory of Helen & Frank Skierski by Family; In Loving Memory of Randy Mikula by Cousins.

**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; In Memory of Mark Skopek by Wife, Helene.

**A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO):** In Memory of Mary Lois Holland by Edward J. Holland, Jr.; In Memory of Frances Mack by Edward J. Holland, Jr.; In Loving Memory of Jim Londergan by His Wife, Francie; In Memory of Taylor Kravitz by Gary Burczy & Carole Kneal.

**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:** Our book & puzzle sale takes place this weekend. Sat., Aug. 23 (1:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.) and Sun., Aug. 24 (10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.) Stock up on reading materials and puzzles for the upcoming winter months. Thank you in advance for your interest and donations!

**ST. ANDREW OUTSIDE FOOD PANTRY:** Donations of **non-perishable** food is needed for our pantry. The pantry is located on the parking lot side of the church. Help us provide food for those in need. Thank you.

**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"

### ST. LEO CCD

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION:

In-person registration for Religious Education Classes for grades K-8 will take place in the church hall on Sunday, Aug. 31 after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Online registration forms are available on the parish website. Fill in the blanks and submit by 8/31. Parents and Guardians should be aware that all parish children **MUST RECEIVE** First Penance, First Communion and Confirmation at St. Leo. If the children attend Catholic elementary schools, they **will not** receive these sacraments with their classmates. Rather, the diocese wishes all children to receive their sacraments at their home parishes. It is imperative that these children register for their sacraments on or before 8/31, so we have their contact information. Finally, all parents who wish their children to receive these sacraments must show that the students have been attending religious education classes either at Catholic schools or at St. Leo from grade one.

### ST. ANDREW CCD

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION:

At St. Andrew, the first CCD class will be held on Sunday, September 14, from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. Please help us prepare for this program by registering your child before the first class. In-person CCD Registration for children in grades K-8 takes place the weekends of Aug. 23/24 and Aug. 30/31 in the vestibule of the church before and after Mass. Online registration begins August 23 on our website: <https://www.standrewwilkesbarre.org>.



**2026 MASS INTENTIONS ST. LEO:** Can be booked during office hours. 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). All masses must be requested in person or over the phone (570) 825-6669. 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.

**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.

**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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