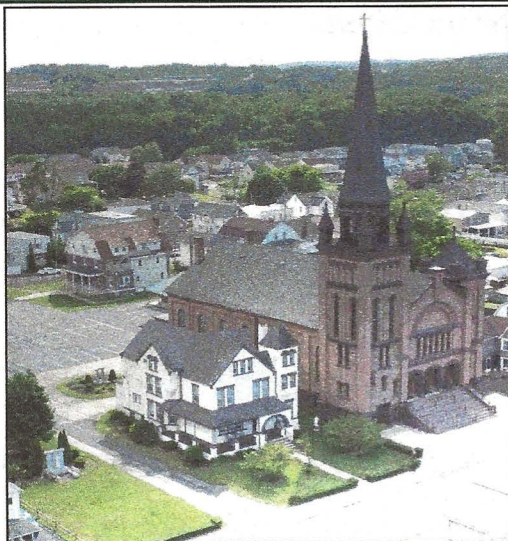
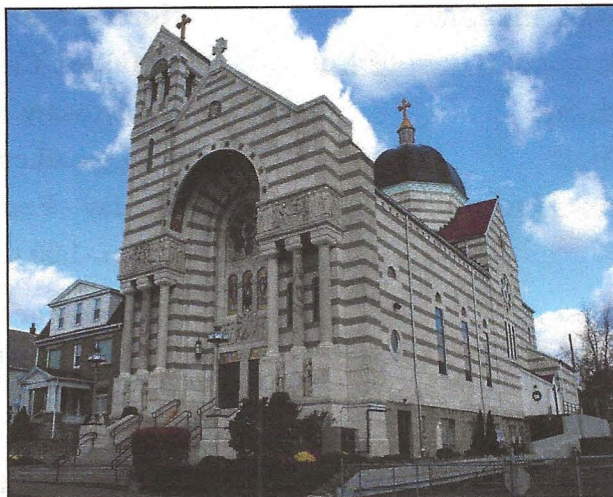


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AUGUST 31, 2025



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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)

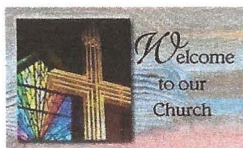
CONFESSION

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.

PASTOR: REVEREND VINCENT H. DANG

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| | 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. | | |

Readings for Sunday September 7, 2025

First Reading: And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight. (Wis 9:18)

Psalm: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge. (Ps 90)

Second Reading: Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while, that you might have him back forever. (Phlm 1:15)

Gospel: Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. (Lk 14:27)

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.

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

HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING: Sun., Sept. 14 after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Members are asked to attend.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY 9TH ANNUAL DINNER: Sun., Sept. 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Chicken Parmigan or Salisbury Steak Dinner with mashed potatoes, vegetable, roll & dessert. Each meal is \$12.00. Tickets sold after Masses Sept. 6/7 and Sept. 3/14.

FATHER VINNIE'S TRIP TO VIETNAM: Father arrived safely in Vietnam and returns Thurs., Sept. 25. Please pray for him, 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.

CONGRATULATIONS: To the newest member of St. Leo Parish, Mason John Lehman, son of John Yodsnukis and Melissa Lehman. Mason John was baptized on Sun., Aug. 24. May God bless him.

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 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.

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.

CANONIZATION NEWS: The canonization of Bl. Carlo Acutis, postponed due to the death of Pope Francis, will now take place on Sunday, Sept. 7. Bl. Carlo Acutis will be canonized with Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati, another man from Italy who lived an exemplary life in his short 25 years. Both saints are patrons of youth and young adults. New prayer cards will be available in both churches.

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, Patti 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, Laurie Phillips, Brian Pollick, Margaret Prestas, David Pudlosky, Dan R., Benjamin Rae, Ray Raykovitz, 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 Betty Whitecavage, Zigmund Skipalis, Jeanette G. Sims, Helene Sirak and Adam Shaw. 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 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.

Saturday, September 6, 5:30 p.m.: Lector: Karen Gula; Extraordinary Minister: Mary Ashton, Helene Skopek-Krygier; Altar Server: Mia Ashton.

Sunday, September 7, 11:00 a.m.: Lector: Kathy Smith; Extraordinary Minister: Nick Lutz; Altar Server: Haley Dunbar, Thomas Dunbar, Colleen Jorda.



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*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 8/24/2025

St. Leo: \$ 6,554.00

St. Andrew: \$ 2,421.00

2nd Collection: \$ 404.00

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

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| Monday | 09/01 | 8:00 a.m. (St. Leo) | Sandie Concannon | Sisters |
| Tuesday | 09/02 | 8:00 a.m. (St. Leo) | John Bagi | Nancy Bobos & Family and Kevin Ott |
| Wednesday | 09/03 | No Mass | | |
| Thursday | 09/04 | 8:00 a.m. (St. Leo) | Joseph & Dorothy Namey | The Family |
| Friday | 09/05 | 8:00 a.m. (St. Leo) | Khuong H. Dang | Lance & Marianne Baseski |
| Saturday | 09/06 | 4:00 p.m. (St. Leo) | Anthony (A.J.) Dreier | Wife & Family |
| | | 5:30 p.m. (St. Andrew) | Jonathan Gula | Mom & Dad |
| Sunday | 09/07 | 8:30 a.m. (St. Leo) | Richard Williams | Jodi & Bill Borum |
| | | 11:00a.m. (St. Andrew) | Hubert & Jeannette McGovern | Family |

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Loving Memory of Cecilia McGovern by the McGovern & Galardi Families; In Memory of Kelly Connelly by Family.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. ANDREW): In Memory of Jonathan Gula by Mom & Dad.

A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Memory of Zach Kollar by his Grandparents Dorothy & Dominick Ferro; In Memory of Michael Bellas by Mom, Dad, Casey & Jared; For Health of Sean Malone by Mom; In Memory of Sandie Concannon by her Sisters; In Loving Memory of Kimberly McGovern Pliska by Mom & Dad; In Loving Memory of Joseph & Dorothy Namey by Family; In Loving Memory of Frank Balas by Gary Burczy & Carole Kneal; In Loving Memory of Kim McGovern Pliska by Aunt Nancy & Cousins; In Memory of Frank Aukstakalnis by Family, In Memory of Robert Goyne by His Sister, Agnes Woytas.

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; In Memory of Helene Sirak by Helen Semanski; For the Health & Healing of John Ostrum by Family.

A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Loving Memory of Jim Londergan by His Wife, Francie.

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.**



THANK YOU. Thank you to everyone who donated items to the St Andrew Church Book and Puzzle Sale. The parish will receive \$376.75 from the sale. God bless everyone who shopped and worked at the sale.

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

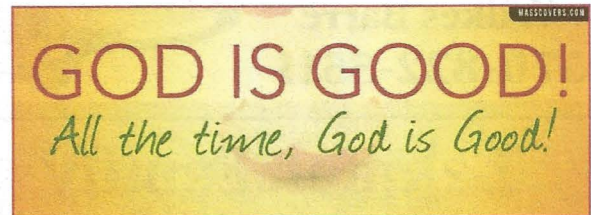
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION:

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>.



OFFICES CLOSED: Monday, Sept. 1 in observance of Labor Day. Thank you.

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: Sat., October 4 from 8:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m. at Holy Redeemer H.S. The theme this year is "Christ is King". Early bird registration \$30.00 until 9/15 (\$40 after). Students \$15. Morning coffee and box lunch included. For questions 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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