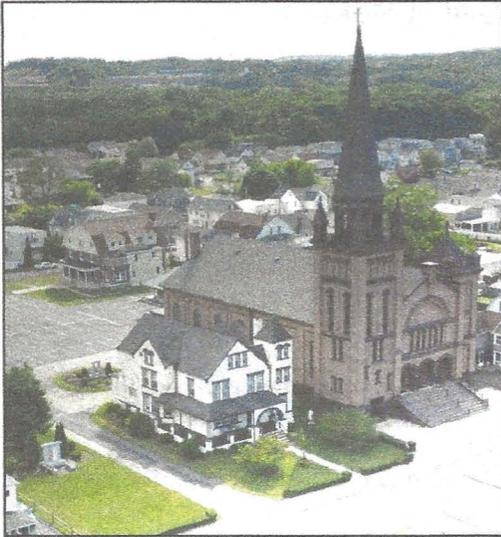


**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 22, 2026**



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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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<u>Office Hours:</u>	Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.		

Readings for Sunday, February 22, 2026

First Reading: I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. (Gn 12:2)

Psalm: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)

Second Reading: Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God. He saved us and called us to a holy life. (2 Tm 1:8-9)

Gospel: Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun. (Mt 17:1-2)

THANK YOU: For your generosity in the Ash Wednesday Collection. This collection benefits the Church in Central & Eastern Europe. May God bless you always.

LENTEN REGULATIONS: As Jesus fasted 40 days in the desert, the Church traditionally fasts during Lent. A form of bodily prayer, fasting and abstinence in union with other Christians reminds us of our utter dependence on and love for God. A gesture of repentance, fasting is symbolic of a change of heart as we turn away from sin to live in fidelity to the Gospel. Fasting: Catholics aged 18-59 fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, limiting ourselves to one full meal and two smaller meals each day, with no snacking between meals. Abstinence: Catholics aged 14 and older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. Easter Duty Obligation: After receiving First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation to receive the Eucharist at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess their sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Seasons.

CONFESSION: The Church encourages us to make confession a regular part of our spiritual life, especially during the holy season of Lent. Again this year, parishes are participating in a Lenten initiative called "The Light Is On For You." Every Monday during Lent, St. Leo Church will have confession from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. so that Catholics can return to God's grace, mercy and healing.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST. LEO: Praying the Stations of the Cross is a way to embrace the passion of Jesus as we journey through Lent. Please join Father Dang every Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. in St. Leo Church for this Lenten devotion.

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Beverages (Coffee, Tea, Water, Soda) \$1.00
Desserts

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Karen Alber, Susie Ambrose, William Andahazy, Eugene Antos, Bonnie Balakier, Fred Balester, Bailey Barnds, Alice Battista, Terri Belanchik, Dorothy Belardinelli, Ed Beleski, Marlene Beleski, Jared & Debbie Bellas, Msgr. Jack Bendik, Stella Bobrowski, Robert Bozek, Louise Brant, Valerie Brody, Chloe Brown, David Bukoski, Jr., Vivian Grace Busardo, Pat C., Judy Cannon, Lenny Carsillo, Thomas & Louise Cavanaugh, Jackson Chapasko, John Chernesky, Michael Corcoran, Dylan Culp, John Devaney, Janice Divers, Tom Drozda, Hunter Durland, Maureen Ehret, Jonathan Elick, David Evanko, Fadden & Alfano Families, Molly Evers, Ron Fedorczyk, Christopher Fee, Marion Ferguson, David Fisher, Jean Flanley, Irene Friel, Regina Fillman, Catherine Gallagher, Carolyn Gaughen, Pam Gibson, Mary Ann Gildea, Denise Gillis, Roslyn Glynn, Daniel Gold, Thomas Gorman, Quinn Gorman, Dolores Grazio, Raymond Griffin, Molly Griffiths, Pam Grimes, Karen Gula, Nicole Halversen, Karen Hannis, Ann Marie Harley, Jo Hart, Mary Himmel, Mary Hoffman, Ruth Kackauskas, Brian Kelly, Pat Kelly, Frank Kempf, Thomas Mark Kinney, Abigail Klass, Chris Klau, Jerry Korey, Charles Koulik Jr., Marie Koulik, Teresa Kucharski, Joseph Kulbaski, Martha Kush, Nikki La Benda, Dee Lallier, Maryann Lavan, Cathy Linker, Cinde Linker, Rachel Lohman, Ed & Janet Lopez, Janice Lord, Robert Lusk, Loren Mankey, Jodie Martin, Ray Maykovitz, Barbara Mazur, Lauren McDonald, Jillian Meehan, Debbie Mellas, Jesse Mendoza, Mary Ann Mihneski, Christopher Mortensen, Terry Murphy, Margaret Nealon, Lois O'Hara, Lenny Okuniewski, Betty Oldfield, Julie Olenak, John Ostrum, Infant William Owen, Christine Owens, John Pac, Maria Parra, Janet Peake, 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 Reininger, The Reynolds Family, Cleo Rosemond, Libby Rush, Florence Ryder, Marie Saltz, Nick Santana, Josh Schlegel, Maddox Sebastian, Michael Sedon, Joyce Seiger, Helen Semanski, Theresa Shrader, Cynthia Sickler, Margaret Sipple, Ed Sively, Neil Smith, Tom Smith, Frank Sorokach, Joyce Squerciati, Jeff Statkiewicz, Nico Stavish, Tony Straka, Charlotte Thomas, Jim Thomas, Justin Thompson, Bonnie Usmail, Rose Wallace, George Warman, Elaine Warman, Barbara Wasilewski, Bob Weidow, Jean Wiernusz, Cameron Wilson, Mary Wisniewski, Maria Wujik, Patty Zukoski and all the faithful departed. If you know someone ill or who needs prayers, call the Rectory of St. Leo or St. Andrew.

EMAIL/TEXT SCAMS: Father Dang **will not** contact you asking for money or gift cards. Thank you.
KEEP YOUR CAR DOORS LOCKED: When attending Mass, please keep your car doors locked and valuables out of sight.

ST. ANDREW KNITTERS & CROCHETERS: Meet on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Andrew Rectory. Please use the back door to avoid the steps. Parking is available at the back of the church and in the rectory driveway. All are welcome!

ST. LEO ADULT FAITH FORMATION: Our Spring Bible Study is underway. The study is **Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom**. Fr. Joseph Kakareka is leading us. Meeting dates: 2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 4/13 & 4/20 from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Call Mary Anne Malone (570) 709-4963 for more information. All are welcome!

TAX STATEMENTS: Itemized statements of contributions for tax purposes will be issued to any parishioner requesting one. Thank you.

ST. PAULY TEXTILE SHED: Located in the parking lot of St. Leo accepts used clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases and stuffed animals. Please bag and tie all items. Thank you.

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



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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 2/15/2026

St. Leo: \$9,719.00

St. Andrew: \$2,857.35

2nd Collection: \$605.10

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

Monday	02/23	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Christopher E. Kendra	The Bozinko Family
Tuesday	02/24	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Kisten Scali	Jane & Joseph Brennan
Wednesday	02/25	No Mass		
Thursday	02/26	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Rose Pilch	Mary Anne Malone
Friday	02/27	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	George Strish, Jr.	The Goch Family
Saturday	02/28	4:00 p.m. (St. Leo)	Mary Alice Rowley	Joe, Kara & Family
		5:30 p.m. (St. Andrew)	John Soboleski	Family
Sunday	03/01	8:30 a.m. (St. Leo)	Mikey Drazba	Father, Michael
		11:00a.m. (St. Andrew)	Mary Featherstone	Husband Chris, Daughter Toni & Grandson, Dallas

CONGRATULATIONS: To the newest member of St. Leo Parish, Luke Mrozinski, son of Gerald & Meghan Mrozinski, who was baptized on Sunday, February 15. May God bless him always.

A SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): For Health & Healing of Lenny Carsillo by Mary Anne Malone.

A SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. ANDREW): In Memory of Frank Semanski by Son, Frank Semanski.

A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Honor of Jane Clarke's 90th Birthday by Her Family; In Memory of Zach Kollar by His Grandparents Dorothy & Dominick Ferro; In Memory of Ella Bonjo by the Family; In Loving Memory of Dwayne Yenkevich by Gary Burczy & Carole Kneal; In Memory of Joseph Maraski by Daughter, Barb & Tom Turinski; For Health & Blessings of Fred Balester by His Family; In Memory of Connie Yedlock by Her Sister Helen.

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 John Ostrum by Family; For the Health & Healing of Mike Havrilosin by Judy & Helene.

A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Loving Memory of Jim Londergan by His Wife, Francie; In Loving Memory of Joseph Namey by the Namey Family; In Memory of Mary Lois, Edward & Paul Holland by Edward J. Holland, Jr.; In Memory of John Lukas by Niece, Ann; In Memory of Daniel Pearl by Carole Kneal; For Health & Blessings of Fred Balester by His Family.

A SAINT JOSEPH CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. ANDREW): For Health & Healing of John Ostrum.

*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.*

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL: Please consider making a gift. Goal for St. Leo - \$42,544. We have raised \$36,292 to date. Goal for St. Andrew - \$19,248 and to date we have raised \$11,220.

Thank you for your support!

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION

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

ST. LEO

Classes are held from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on
Sundays in the Education Center
Mrs. Michele Casey, DRE (570) 760-9793

SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN: Please look out for the safety of our children especially as they are arriving for class at 9:30 a.m.

SAVE IMPORTANT 2026 DATES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & MAY CROWNING:

Saturday, May 2 at 11:00 a.m.

CONFIRMATION: Sunday, May 24 at 8:30 a.m.

ST. ANDREW

Classes are held from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
on Sundays at the Rectory and Church Hall.
Ms. Kristi Gibson, DRE (570) 417-2505

SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN: Please look out for the safety of our children especially as they are being dismissed from class at 10:45 a.m.

SAVE IMPORTANT 2026 DATES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & MAY

CROWNING: Sunday, May 3 at 11:00 a.m.

CONFIRMATION: Sun., May 17 at 11:00 a.m.

CHANGE TO MONTHLY DUES AT ST. ANDREW: Has changed from \$5.00 to \$7.00 per adult per month effective January 1, 2026. Thank you.

ST. LEO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING: Tuesday, February 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the church hall. All members are urged to attend.

ATTENTION ST. LEO EMHC's, LECTORS & YOUTH ALTAR SERVERS: The schedule for 2/21 to 3/29 is ready to be picked up in the Sacristy. Please get a replacement if you can't serve and notify Toni at (570) 868-8215, email: alrisc@hotmail.com or text (570) 706-0160 with special requests or if you can no longer serve. Thank you for serving our parish.

COLD/FLU SEASON: We ask those feeling sick or vulnerable because of their age or underlying medical conditions to stay home. Live streaming Masses are on Catholic TV of the Diocese of Scranton. Comcast/Xfinity channel 12 & Service Electric Cable TV channel 18.

TAIZE PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS. Mon., Mar. 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the upper church at St. Nicholas -St. Mary Parish 226 S. Washington St., WB. The music director at King's College and The Cantores Christi Regis Choir will be the ministers of music for this prayer. A freewill offering will be taken at the end of the service in support of the King's College students for sharing their time and prayerful ministry.

EVENING OF REFLECTION AND PRAYER: At St. John the Evangelist Parish, 35 William St., Pittston, by newly ordained Fr. Tom Dzwonczyk on Wednesday, March 11 at 6 p.m. on the lower level of the Church sharing a talk titled "Reflect, Renew, Rejoice!" The evening will conclude with Night Prayer. Light fare will be served! For reservations (preferred, but not required) or additional info, please contact Ed at esankus@stjohnspittston.com or call St. John's Office at 570-654-0053.

VILLA ST. JOSEPH JOB OPENING: The facility serves as the home for retired clergy of the Diocese of Scranton in Dunmore. The Director reports to the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy and will provide compassionate leadership and administrative oversight for the daily operations of the facility, ensuring that all programs and services align with our Catholic mission and core values. This role requires a commitment to the well-being of residents, effective staff management, and sound financial stewardship. Interested candidates are encouraged to visit the Diocesan website at www.dioceseofscranton.org for a more detailed job description. Applicants are asked to submit a cover letter with salary requirements and a resume by February 28, 2026 to: James Burke, Diocesan Secretary for H.R., 300 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503 or email jburke@dioceseofscranton.org.

ST. ANDREW MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 21, 5:30 p.m.: Lector: Steve Yenchak; E.M.: Mary Ashton; Altar Server: Mia Ashton.

Sunday, February 22, 11:00 a.m.: Lectors: Kristi Gibson, Amin Skipinski; E.M.: Cheryl Gibson;
Altar Servers: Joshua Kioske, Helene Skopek-Krygier.

Saturday, February 28, 5:30 p.m.: Lector: Kim Stepanski; E.M.: Mesa Ashton; Altar Server: Patti Martin.

Sunday, March 1, 11:00 a.m.: Lectors: Ken Yanora, Nick Lutz; E.M.: Colleen Yanora;
Altar Servers: Amelia Good, Abrielle Good & Helene Skopek-Krygier.

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