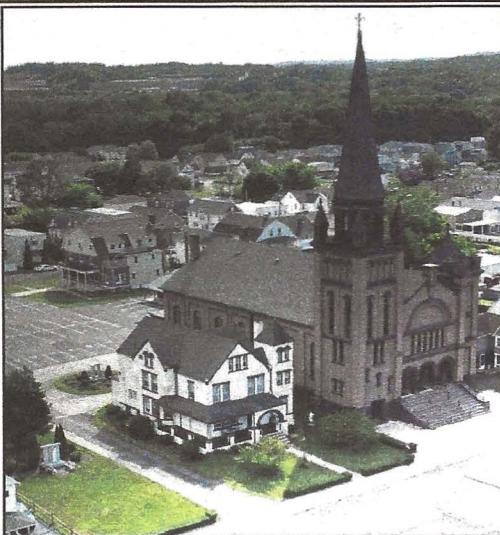


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JANUARY 4, 2026



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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)

##### WEEKDAYS

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

##### HOLY DAYS

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

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

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

**Readings for Sunday, January 11, 2026**

**First Reading:** I, the Lord, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations. (Is 42:6)

**Psalm:** The Lord will bless his people with peace. (Ps 29)

**Second Reading:** "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." (Acts 10:34-35)

**Gospel:** And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." (Mt 3:17)

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A PARISH SAFETY & SECURITY COMMITTEE:** Our Parish is forming a Safety & Security Committee to help ensure a safe and welcoming environment for all who gather here. I would like to invite the participation of current and former law enforcement officers whose training and experience would be a great asset in guiding this important ministry of protection and preparedness. If you are interested in serving please contact the office at (570) 825-6669 or see Fr. Dang. Thank you.

**TAKING DOWN ST. LEO CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS:** Mon., Jan. 12 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. If you are able to help, please come. Thank you.

**ST. ANDREW JANUARY LOTTERY TICKETS:** Are available in the church vestibule after mass or at the church office. Tickets are \$10. Payment must be made to validate the ticket.

**ST. LEO LOTTERY TICKETS:** The St. Vincent DePaul Society is running a phone sale of their annual lottery tickets until Jan. 31. Tickets are \$5, contain two numbers and cover the 7:00 p.m. drawings for the month of February 2026. Daily winners receive \$25; weekend winners \$50; Valentine's Day winner \$100. If the same number is pulled on Valentine's Day and Feb. 28, that ticket holder wins \$5000.

Proceeds from the lottery sale allows the Society to continue its support of our Food Pantry, parish projects and local charities. For questions/order tickets, please call Christine Casey at (570) 262-5008.

**ATTN: ST. LEO EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, LECTORS & YOUTH**

**ALTAR SERVERS:** The mass schedule for 1/17 to 2/18 is ready to be picked up in the Sacristy. Please get a replacement if you can't serve when you are scheduled. Please notify Toni at (570) 868-8215, email [alrisc@hotmail.com](mailto:alrisc@hotmail.com), or text (570) 706-0160 with any special requests or if you can no longer serve. Thank you for serving our parish.

**THANK YOU:** To L.P.S.C.U Branch 2133 for the donation of \$410.00 to St. Andrew. This was the profit from the sale of Christmas wreaths. God bless you for this donation.

**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.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Susie Ambrose, William Andahazy, Eugene Antos, Bonnie Balakier, Bailey Barnds, Alice Battista, Terri Belanchik, 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, 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, Molly Evers, Ron Fedorczyk, Christopher Fee, Marion Ferguson, David Fisher, Jean Flanley, Regina Fillman, Catherine Gallagher, Pam Gibson, Mary Ann Gildea, Roslyn Glynn, Thomas Gorman, Quinn Gorman, Dolores Grazio, Raymond Griffin, Pam Grimes, Karen Grula, 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 Kouluk Jr., Marie Kouluk, Teresa Kucharski, Joseph Kulbaski, 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, 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, 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 Family, Cleo Rosemond, Libby Rush, Florence Ryder, Marie Saltz, Nick Santana, Josh Schlegel, Joyce Seiger, Helen Semanski, Cynthia Sickler, Kevin Sinnott, Margaret Sipple, Ed Sivelly, Tom Smith, Neil Smith, Frank Sorokach, Michael Sedon, Theresa Shrader, 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, Joseph Yedlock, Patty Zukoski and 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 KNITTING & CROCHETING GROUP:** The first meeting of the knitting & crocheting group will be on Thursday, January 8 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 Semester" of Bible Study will begin on Monday, January 19 from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. The study will be **Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom** and Fr. Kakareka will lead us. Cost for the workbook is \$40. Please call Mary Anne Malone (570) 709-4963 if you are interested or you have questions. Stay tuned for all dates. All are welcome!

**FATHER JOSEPH LONG, C.S.C. ADDRESS:** For those wanting to reach out to Father Long, his address is St. Joseph's Center, 495 Maple Lane, Valatie, NY 12184.



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*(2 Corinthians 9:7)*

Weekly Collection  
12/21/2025

St. Leo: \$ 9,224.00

St. Andrew: \$3,079.00

2nd Collection: \$579.55

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

Monday	01/05	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Mary & Dominick Calabro	Family
Tuesday	01/06	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Anthony Khuong Huu Dang	Sr. Mary Beth Makuch, SSCM & Paul S. Makuch
Wednesday	01/07	No Mass		
Thursday	01/08	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Anna Mae Hanlon	Steve & Debbie Brezna
Friday	01/09	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Corine Hockenbury	Jim & Jean Marie Hockenbury
Saturday	01/10	4:00 p.m. (St. Leo)	Jack Baranousky	Betty, Suzie & Jessika
		5:30 p.m. (St. Andrew)	Andrew Petyak Gower & Louise Williams Edward E. Polchin	Eddie Day Pashinski Pahler & Sharksnas Famillies Steve & Mary Yenchak
Sunday	01/11	8:30 a.m. (St. Leo)	Helen Hooper	Kevin Hooper
		11:00a.m. (St. Andrew)	Helene Sirak	Judy Flaherty & Mike Havrilosin

**A SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO):** In Thanksgiving for the Health of Sean P. Malone by Mom.

**A SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. ANDREW):** In Memory of Helene Sirak by Family.

**A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO):** In Loving Memory of Dorothy Namey by the Namey Family; In Loving Memory of Therese Gwilliam by Gorski Family; Healing for a Friend by Judy Youngblood.

**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 of Mike Havrilosin by a Friend; For Health & Healing of John Ostrum; In Memory of Helene Sirak by Helene & Mickie.

**A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO):** In Loving Memory of Eddie Gajewski & Joe "Murph" Murray by Carole Kneal & Gary Burczy; In Loving Memory of Jim Londergan by his Wife, Francie; In Memory of Albert S. Vrabel by Mary Anne Malone.

**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.

**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-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at [www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis](http://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.

## 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 PENANCE:** Saturday, Jan. 24 at 11 a.m.

**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 PENANCE:** Sat., Feb. 7 at 10:00 a.m.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & MAY CROWNING:**  
Sunday, May 3 at 11:00 a.m.

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



**JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE:** The 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope has drawn to a close. Let it be just the beginning of Hope in Jesus Christ. Hope for ourselves, our families, our communities, our country and the world.

**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.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This weekend, Jan. 3-4 for the Care and Education of Priests. Please be generous. Thank you and may God bless you always.

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL:** Please consider making a gift. Goal for St. Leo - \$42,544. We have raised \$15,947 to date. Goal for St. Andrew - \$19,248 and to date we have raised \$5,975. Thank you for your support!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS IN BULLETIN:** Attention societies and organizations, if you would like to place an announcement in the bulletin, the deadline is Tuesday. Thank you.

**ST. ANDREW OCIA:** Sessions will resume on Monday, Jan. 5.

**ST. ANDREW KAFFEE KLATCH:** Gatherings will resume on Tuesday, January 6.

**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.

**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.

### ST. ANDREW MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, January 3, 5:30 p.m.:** Lector: Steve Yenchak; Extraordinary Minister: Mesa Ashton; Altar Server: Patti Martin.

**Sunday, January 4, 11:00 a.m.:** Lectors: Kristi Gibson; Amin Skipinski; Extraordinary Minister: Cheryl Gibson; Altar Servers: Joshua Kioske, Helene Skopek-Krygier.

**Saturday, January 10, 5:30 p.m.:** Lector: Steve Yenchak; Extraordinary Minister: Maryellen Sloat; Altar Servers: Callie Drutchal, Helene Skopek-Krygier.

**Sunday, January 11, 11:00 a.m.:** Lectors: Ken Yanora; Extraordinary Minister: Colleen Yanora; Altar Servers: Amelia Good, Abrielle Good, Helene Skopek-Krygier.

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