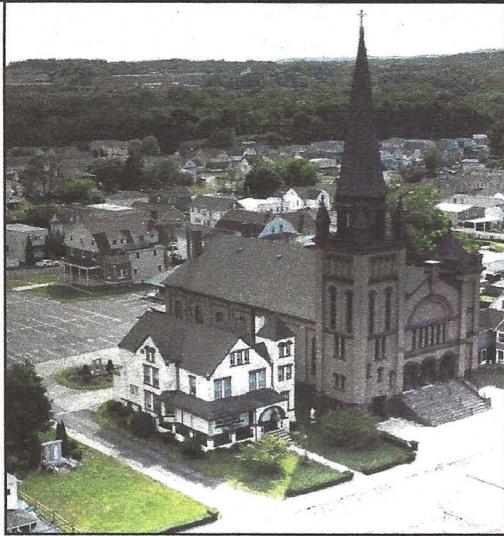
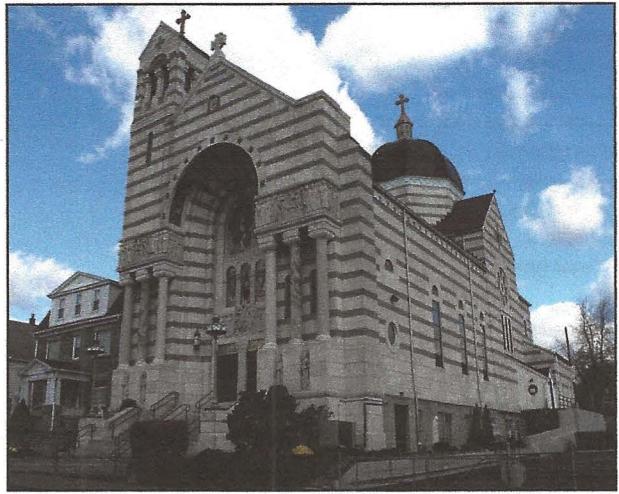


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JANUARY 11, 2026



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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)

CONFSSION

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.

Parish Financial Report

TREND ANALYSIS

	Fiscal Year July 1 - June 30				
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Revenue					
Collections	383,184	397,467	397,146	365,662	294,281
Faith Formation Fees	-	-	-	-	100
Fundraising/Development	55,208	77,190	95,109	110,626	41,840
Other Income	19,032	10,438	96,184	67,134	5,502
Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan	(10,827)	11,400	14,979	9,457	829
Transfers Savings Account/Other	-	-	-	-	7,000
Diocesan Special Collections	23,131	17,658	17,254	13,005	8,130
Total Revenue	469,729	514,153	620,673	565,884	357,682
Expenses					
Administration	162,037	165,274	158,761	154,449	128,041
Rectory	3,423	1,910	4,658	22,946	2,023
Liturgy	28,436	27,815	25,844	24,792	22,860
Faith Formation	6,781	8,323	5,997	5,648	5,375
Social Justice	-	100	600	700	1,125
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	76,738	95,114	209,163	135,529	76,573
Fixed Expense	45,057	37,282	46,409	54,129	31,441
Debt Service	-	-	2,102	95,713	72,933
Capital Outlays	20,150	24,196	89,687	-	-
Designated Expenses /Transfers Out	5,000	-	27,826	2,634	4,287
Catholic School Assessment	85,320	79,380	-	81,662	63,366
Diocesan Special Collections Remittance	24,934	18,808	-	14,051	9,567
Total Expense	457,876	458,202	571,045	592,253	417,589
Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis	11,853	55,951	49,628	(26,369)	(59,907)
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	**(SEE NOTE)**	-	47,932	0	23,999
Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)	11,853	103,883	49,628	(2,370)	(41,213)

****NOTE****

Outstanding Diocesan Obligations could include: Diocesan assessments, School assessments, health insurance, self-insurance, pension and other expenses.

End of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	0	0	47,932	47,932	71,931
Beginning of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	0	47,932	47,932	71,931	90,625
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	0	47,932	0	23,999	18,694
Diocesan Loan/Debt	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING & NON-SMOKING SMOKER: Sunday, January 11 at 2 p.m. in the church hall. Thank you.

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

ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN'S SOCIETY MEETING: Sunday January 18 at 12 noon in the church hall. All members are urged to attend.

THANK YOU: For your generosity this past weekend for the Care and Education of Priests. May God bless you always.

ST. LEO FIRST PENANCE PRACTICE: Practice for all students will be on Sunday, January 18 during CCD classes. Final practice will be on Wednesday, January 21, at 6:00 p.m. If you have questions, please call Erin Frank (570) 371-1196. Thank you.

ST. LEO PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, January 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the church hall. All members are asked to attend. If you have to cancel, call Bernadette or the Rectory (570) 825-6669.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY LOTTERY TICKETS: For February 2026 are available for \$5.00 for 2 numbers for the PA Evening Lottery drawing. To order tickets, call Christine at (570) 262-5008.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Karen Alber, 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, Regina Fillman, David Fisher, Jean Flanley, Irene Friel, Catherine Gallagher, Carolyn Gaughen, Pam Gibson, Mary Ann Gildea, Roslyn Glynn, Thomas Gorman, Quinn Gorman, Dolores Grazio, Raymond Griffin, Molly Griffiths, 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 Koulak Jr., Marie Koulak, 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, Lauren McDonald, Jillian Meehan, Debbie Mellas, Jesse Mendoza, Mary Ann Mihneski, 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, Michael Sedon, Joyce Seiger, Helen Semanski, Theresa Shrader, Cynthia Sickler, Kevin Sinnott, Margaret Sipple, Ed Sivelly, Neil Smith, Tom Smith, Frank Sorokach, Jeff Statkiewicz, Nico Stavish, Tony Straka, Charlotte Thomas, Jim Thomas, Justin Thompson, Bonnie Usmail, Rose Wallace, Elaine Warman, George Warman, Barbara Wasilewski, Bob Weidow, Jean Wiernusz, Cameron Wilson, Mary Wisniewski, Maria Wujik, Joseph Yedlock, Patty Zukoski and the faithful departed, Elizabeth Stilp. If you know someone ill or who needs prayers, call the Rectory of St. Leo or St. Andrew.

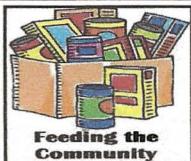
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KEEP YOUR CAR DOORS LOCKED: When attending Mass, please keep your car doors locked and valuables out of sight.

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. Meeting dates will be: 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, and 4/13. Please call Mary Anne Malone (570) 709-4963 if you are interested or you have questions. All are welcome!

ST. ANDREW ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA): Preparation for joining the Catholic Church takes place on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in St. Andrew Rectory.

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.



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12/28/2025

St. Leo: \$5,186.00

St. Andrew: \$2,360.00

2nd Collection: \$439.00

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

Monday	01/12	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Stephen Pipkin	Wife Denise
Tuesday	01/13	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Jamie Valvano	Jim Fitzmaurice
Wednesday	01/14	No Mass		
Thursday	01/15	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Frank Tunis	Jim Fitzmaurice
Friday	01/16	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Anstett & Klug Families	Daughter Anne
Saturday	01/17	4:00 p.m. (St. Leo)	Frank & Lottie Stanick	Stanick Family
		5:30 p.m. (St. Andrew)	Thomas Murphy	Carol Kelly
Sunday	01/18	8:30 a.m. (St. Leo)	Adam K. Shaw	Christina Urban & Chris
		11:00a.m. (St. Andrew)	Yan Hexum	Ellen & Kurt Sauer

A SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Loving Memory of Butch Loughnane by His Wife, Mary Lou & Children

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

A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Loving Memory of Phil Gorham by Family; In Memory of Zach Kollar by His Grandparents, Dorothy & Dominick Ferro.

A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. ANDREW): For Stephen J. Yenchak, Wizda, Yenchak, Matsko, & Machonis Families and Edward & Irene Polchin by Steve & Mary Yenchak.

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

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.**

OFFICES CLOSED: Monday, January 19 in observance of Martin Luther King Holiday.

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, or text (570) 706-0160 with any special requests or if you can no longer serve. Thank you for serving our parish.

ANNOUNCEMENTS IN BULLETIN: Attention societies and organizations, if you would like to place an announcement in the bulletin, the deadline is Tuesday before 10:00 a.m. Thank you.

ST. ANDREW MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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.

Saturday, January 17, 5:30 p.m.: Lector: Kim Stepanski; Extraordinary Minister: Mary Ashton; Altar Servers: Mia Ashton.

Sunday, January 18, 11:00 a.m.: Lectors: CCD Students; Extraordinary Minister: Jim Shovlin; Altar Servers: Gianna Altavilla.

**Parish Financial Report
St. Andrew - Wilkes-Barre
TREND ANALYSIS**

	Fiscal Year July 1 - June 30						2019	2018
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020		
Revenue								
Collections	162,199	174,680	177,865	172,388	169,176	158,445	165,895	183,662
Faith Formation Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	122	-
Fundraising/Development	19,618	18,709	121,684	36,499	35,821	34,991	64,080	61,951
Other Income	11,061	11,469	9,337	28,010	2,741	1,281	5,582	6,129
Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan	29,259	37,117	37,133	30,667	54,763	-	-	-
Transfers Savings Account/Other	-	-	1,105	-	-	-	-	-
Diocesan Special Collections	2,639	3,558	2,785	4,059	3,848	5,369	2,955	4,793
Total Revenue	224,775	245,534	349,909	271,623	266,349	200,085	238,634	256,535
Expenses								
Administration	116,995	115,753	114,937	108,471	117,670	117,670	124,739	141,044
Rector	467	1,411	1,593	708	-	231	469	694
Liturgy	13,867	17,525	19,458	19,305	19,436	25,986	24,920	22,058
Faith Formation	457	911	1,305	473	898	373	1,707	3,409
Social Justice	-	-	-	1,311	750	-	-	-
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	50,065	75,583	60,527	44,909	39,502	32,840	43,040	33,390
Fixed Expense	34,418	20,437	30,018	18,825	18,167	17,568	17,301	16,480
Debt Service	-	22,631	32,968	3,849	29,175	-	-	-
Capital Outlays	-	-	1,734	10,748	-	-	-	-
Designated Expenses /Transfers Out	3,398	3,572	-	58	-	-	10,000	30,000
Catholic School Assessment	32,812	34,356	69,748	5,696	35,146	21,294	36,465	40,147
Diocesan Special Collections Remittance	2,922	3,792	2,675	4,312	3,994	3,313	2,954	4,506
Total Expense	255,400	295,971	334,963	218,663	264,738	219,275	261,594	291,729
Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis	(30,625)	(50,438)	14,946	52,959	1,611	(19,189)	(22,961)	(35,194)
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	**(SEE NOTE)**						3,202	(3,202)
Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(30,509)	(50,204)	54,292	27,503	4,688	(36,506)	(19,759)	(38,396)

****NOTE****

Outstanding Diocesan Obligations could include: Diocesan assessments, School assessments, health insurance, self-insurance, pension and other expenses.

End of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	0	116	350	39,696	14,240	17,317	-	3,202
Beginning of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	116	350	39,696	14,240	17,317	-	3,202	-
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	116	234	39,346	(25,456)	3,077	(17,317)	3,202	(3,202)
Diocesan Loan/Debt	56,785	69,488	89,718	119,482	145,828	170,486	N/A	N/A

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Psalm 29

HOLY NAME SOCIETY ANNUAL CANNED SOUP DRIVE: Boxes are in the Church vestibule and side entrances from the weekend of January 10/11 until Superbowl Weekend, February 7/8. The Society is collecting any brand, any flavor! All soups go to the Ashley Food Pantry. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: The Christmas Collection for St. Leo was \$9,169.00. The Christmas Collection for St. Andrew was \$5,772.00. Thank you for your generosity and love to our parishes.

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

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL: Please consider making a gift. Goal for St. Leo - \$42,544. We have raised \$16,192 to date. Goal for St. Andrew - \$19,248 and to date we have raised \$5,975. Thank you for your support!

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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