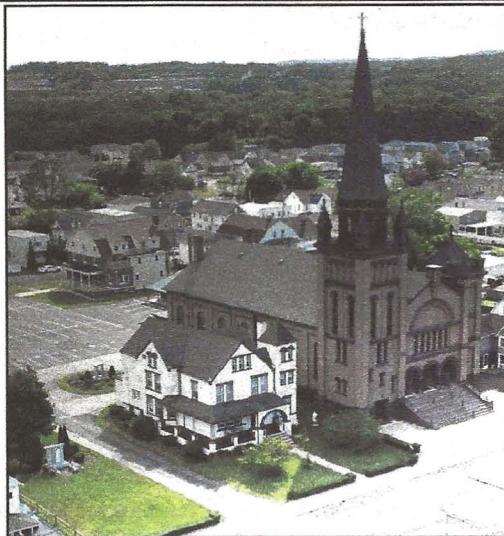
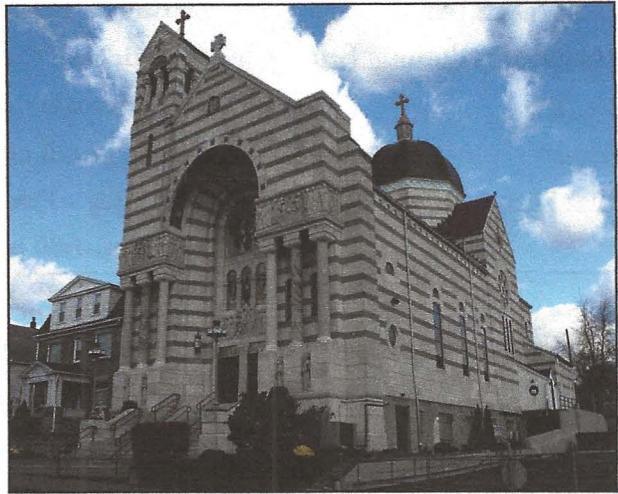


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JANUARY 18, 2026



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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.

PASTOR: REVEREND VINCENT H. DANG

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Readings for Sunday, January 25, 2026

First Reading: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. (Is 9:1)

Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation. (Ps 27)

Second Reading: I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose. (1 Cor 1:10)

Gospel: He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled. (Mt 4:13-14)

ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN SOCIETY MEETING: Sunday, January 18 at 12:00 noon in the church hall. All members are urged to attend.

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

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

ST. LEO HOLY NAME SOCIETY ANNUAL CANNED SOUP DRIVE: The Society is collecting canned soup. Any brand, any flavor! Collection boxes will be in St. Leo's vestibule and at side entrances until Super Bowl Weekend (Feb. 7/8). All soups go to the Ashley Food Pantry.

ST. LEO LOTTERY TICKETS: The St. Vincent DePaul Society is running its annual lottery until Jan. 31. Tickets are \$5, contain two numbers and cover the 7:00 p.m. drawings for February 2026. Daily winners \$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 allow the Society to continue its support of our Food Pantry, parish projects and local charities. For questions or to order tickets, please call Christine Casey at (570) 262-5008.

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

ALTAR SERVERS: The schedule for 1/17 - 2/18 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.

THANK YOU: To those who took down the Christmas decorations. May God Bless You.

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

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: 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, 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 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 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, 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, 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, Joseph Svetz, 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 especially Paul Taylor. 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: Will 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 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. Joseph 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!

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

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE: To mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, an ecumenical prayer service will be held on Thursday, January 22 at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Scranton. Christians of all denominations are warmly invited to attend this prayerful gathering, which reflects the Church's ongoing commitment to unity among all followers of Jesus Christ.



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(2 Corinthians 9:7)

Weekly Collection

1/11/2026

St. Leo: \$9,215.00

St. Andrew: \$3,659.00

2nd Collection: \$488.00

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

Monday	01/19	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Mary Frances Heiser	Altar & Rosary/St. Ann Society
Tuesday	01/20	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Ed Bliss	Vickie Soppeck
Wednesday	01/21	No Mass		
Thursday	01/22	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Helene Sirak	Mary Anne Malone
Friday	01/23	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Anne Callahan	Patrick & Jackie Lehman
Saturday	01/24	4:00 p.m. (St. Leo)	Leonard Croop	Wife, Marion
		5:30 p.m. (St. Andrew)	Juana Gyza	Susan Miller & Family
Sunday	01/25	8:30 a.m. (St. Leo)	Joseph Clark	Family
		11:00a.m. (St. Andrew)	Bernard J Sweeney Walter A. Karpowich Lorraine Mattes	Flaherty Family

A SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Loving Memory of Theresa Dobranski by Family; In Loving Memory of Paul Rice by Helen & Lisa.

A SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. ANDREW): In Memory of Gene Belardinelli by Penny Mericle.

A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Honor of Florence Borkowski on her 100th Birthday by Her Loving Friends; In Loving Memory of Dolores Loughnane by Sylvia & David Zula; In Memory of Mary Yenchik by Her Sister, Helen; In Memory of Jennifer Wilson by Lenny & Linda Okuniewski.

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 Health & Healing of John Ostrum.

A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Loving Memory of Jim Londergan by His Wife, Francie; For Health & Healing of Ralph Borroski by Cousin, Judy; In Memory of Zach Kollar by His Grandparents Dorothy & Dominick Ferro; In Loving Memory of Joseph Morris by His Sister, Helen.

A SAINT JOSEPH CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. ANDREW): For Health & Healing of John Ostrum; In Memory of Raymond Miller by Daughter, Colleen Jorda; In Memory of William Young by John & Donna Rinehimer.

*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 \$16,192 to date. Goal for St. Andrew - \$19,248 and to date we have raised \$6,075.

Thank you for your support!

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. 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.

ST. LEO FIRST PENANCE CLASS: *Emersyn Blaser, Lucy Frank, Angelina Giannelli, Madelyn Grant, Mason Lehman, Ethan Roberts, Vienna Senczakowicz, Madilyn Simonovich, and Joshua Turinski.* Please pray for these children as they prepare to receive the Sacrament on Saturday, January 24.

ST. ANDREW FIRST PENANCE CLASS: *Olivia Cichy, Alianna Zyrene Paraiso, Allison Marie Paraiso, Alexander Rivera, and Melissa Sebolka.* Please pray for these children as they prepare to receive the Sacrament on Saturday February 7.

MEMORIAL OF ST. BLAISE/BLESSING OF THROATS: Tues., Feb. 3 is the Memorial of St. Blaise. The traditional blessing of throats will take place during the weekend Masses of Jan. 31 and Feb. 1. Please come to receive your blessing.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK: In observance of the World Day of the Sick, anointing of the sick will take place after all Masses the weekend of Feb. 7 & 8.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY: In observance of World Marriage Day, there will be a renewal of marriage vows during all week-end Masses, Feb. 14 & 15. Couples should attend Mass together so you can renew your marriage vows and receive your blessing.

ST. LEO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING: Tuesday, January 27 at 6:00 p.m. in the church hall. All members are urged to attend.

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.

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

ST. ANDREW MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

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

Saturday, January 24, 5:30 p.m.: Lector: Kim Stepanski; Extraordinary Minister: Margaret Sharksas; Altar Server: Helene Skopek-Krygier.

Sunday, January 25, 11:00 a.m.: Lectors: Megan Bradshaw; Extraordinary Minister: Nick Lutz; Altar Servers: Harley Dunbar, Thomas Dunbar, Colleen Jorda.

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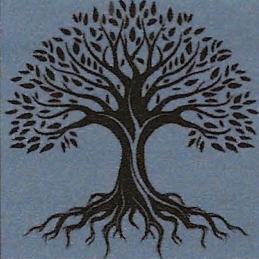
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