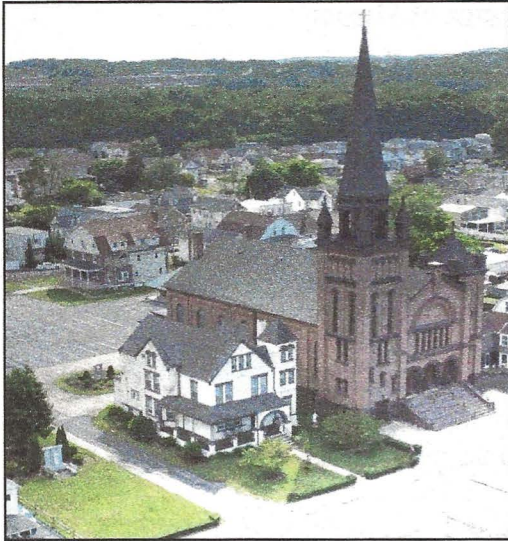


FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 13, 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)

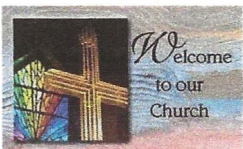
CONFESSION

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.

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Readings for Sunday July 20, 2025

First Reading: They asked Abraham, "Where is your wife Sarah?" He replied, "There in the tent." One of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah will then have a son." (Gn 18:10)

Psalm: He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. (Ps 15)

Second Reading: It is Christ in you, the hope for glory. It is he whom we proclaim. (Col 1:27-28)

Gospel: The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." (Lk 10:42)

ANNOUNCING THE DIOCESAN JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE: On Wednesday, October 1, 2025 the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton will lead the Jubilee Year of Hope Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC. The day will include opportunities for public as well as private prayer, confession, touring the National Shrine as well as the Campus of the Catholic University of America concluding with Mass. Bus fare: \$80.00 per person made payable to St. Leo the Great Parish with buses leaving from our area. To ensure bus transportation, it is necessary to hold strictly to a reservation deadline of FRIDAY, AUGUST 15. To register, contact St. Leo or St. Andrew Church Office or call Mary Anne Malone (570) 709-4963.



MASS IN REMEMBRANCE OF VICTIMS OF VIOLENT OR TRAGIC DEATH: The Diocese of Scranton is offering the annual Mass in Remembrance. This mass is offered for the families and friends of those who have died in tragedy, especially through murder, suicide, or accident. The Mass, celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, is scheduled for Thursday, July 24 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Peter Cathedral, 315 Wyoming Ave., Scranton. All persons who have lost a loved one through tragic and traumatic death are invited to this liturgy. The mass will be televised on CTV: Catholic Television and by livestream on the diocesan website, www.dioceseofscranton.org. Names of deceased loved ones will be inscribed in the Book of Remembrance.

ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN'S SOCIETY MEETING: Sun., July 20 at 12 Noon in the Church Hall. All members are urged to attend.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING: Sun., August 10 after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Members are asked to attend.

CONGRATULATIONS: To the newest members of St. Leo Parish, Greyson Kyle Bauman, son of Christopher & Heather Bauman and Finn Smith son of Robert & Cheyanne Brandt-Smith. They were baptized on Sunday, July 6. May God bless them.

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, Kathy Crane, Dylan Culp, John Devaney, Sue Devaney-McClatchy, 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, Thavee Gilchrist, Roslyn Glynn, Thomas Gorman, Quinn Gorman, Raymond Griffin, Paul Griffiths, Karen Grula, Connie Guesto, Nicole Halversen, Karen Hannis, Jo Hart, Mary Frances Heiser, Mary Himmel, Mary Hoffman, Ruth Kackauskas, Frank Kempf, Thomas Mark Kinney, Abigail Klass, Chris Klau, Dakota Kledaras, Charles Koulik Jr., Marie Koulik, Teresa Kucharski, Joseph Kulbaski, Maryann Lavan, Cathy Linker, Cinde Linker, Rachel Lohman, Ed & Janet Lopez, Janice Lord, Robert Lusk, Sean P. Malone, Loren Mankey, Jodie Martin, 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, Andrew Petezak, Mary Kay Pettinger, Andrew Petyak, Eileen Phillips, Brian Pollick, Margaret Prestas, David Pudlosky, Dan R., Benjamin Rae, Michael Ralston, Tom Ralston, Bobby Ramage, Donna Ransom, Marie Lu Reinninger, The Reynolds, , Libby Rush, Florence Ryder, Nick Santana, Josh Schlegel, Joyce Seiger, Helen Semanski, Cynthia Sickler, Kevin Sinnott, Margaret Sipple, Tom Smith, Neil Smith, Frank Sorokach, Michael Sedon, Theresa Shrader, Jeff Statkiewicz, Tony Straka, Jim Thomas, Justin Thompson, Tia Toney, Gloria Udiski, Lisa Urbanski, Bonnie Usmail, Lynn Vinyard, 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, Frank Aukstakalnis. 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 will be an eight (8) session series led once again by Rev. Joseph Kakareka. We will meet in St. Leo the Great Church Hall from 1:00—2:30 p.m. We are also planning a five (5) session study entitled "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass" for Spring, 2026. The cost for each program will be \$30.00. If you are interested or want more information, please call Mary Anne Malone (570) 709-4963 by August 24 so that materials can be ordered in time for the first class. All are welcome!

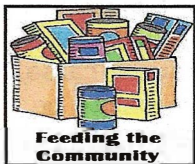
ST. ANDREW MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 12, 5:30 p.m.: Lector: Peter Bonczewski; Extraordinary Minister: Maryellen Sloat; Altar Server: Helene Skopek-Krygier.

Sunday, July 13, 11:00 a.m.: Lector: Patrick Bradshaw, Megan Bradshaw; Extraordinary Minister: Judy Flaherty; Altar Server: Alexander Commiso, Callie Drutchal, Josh Kioske, Helene.

Saturday, July 19, 5:30 p.m.: Lector: Kim Stepanski; Extraordinary Minister: Margaret Sharksnas; Altar Server: Pete Bonczewski.

Sunday, July 20, 11:00 a.m.: Lector: Tino Altavilla, Ken Yanora; Extraordinary Minister: Colleen Yanora; Altar Server: Gianna Altavilla, Anna Altavilla.



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(2 Corinthians 9:7)

Weekly Collection 7/6/2025

St. Leo: \$ 6,163.00 St. Andrew: \$ 2,486.00
Care of Priests: \$ 538.50 2nd Collection: \$ 521.00

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

Monday	07/14	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Carol Platko	Husband & Children
Tuesday	07/15	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Sally Hooper	Hooper Family
Wednesday	07/16	No Mass		
Thursday	07/17	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Joseph Gutosky	Wife, Frances & Children
Friday	07/18	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Lilo Kemmerer	Betty, Suze & Jessika
Saturday	07/19	4:00 p.m. (St. Leo)	James Witinski	Wife, Chris Witinski
		5:30 p.m. (St. Andrew)	Juana Gyza	Deacon Florian, John Gyza & Family
Sunday	07/20	8:30 a.m. (St. Leo)	Carl Bozinko	Cusick Family
		11:00a.m. (St. Andrew)	Jerry Washinski	Theresa Washinski & Family

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Memory of Zach Kollar by his Grandparents Dorothy & Dominick Ferro.

THE 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): For Health of Sean Malone by Mom; In Memory of Michael Bellas by the Bellas Family; In Memory of Frank Aukstakalnis by The Counters; In Memory of Thomas Heiser, Sr. by Paul Golias & Family; In Memory of Frank Aukstakalnis by Paul Golias & Family; In Memory of Mary Hudak by Paul Golias & Family.

A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. ANDREW): In Memory of Stephen J. Yenchak, Wizda, Yenchak, Matsko & Machonis Families and Edward E. Polchin by Steve & Mary Yenchak; For the Health & Healing of Karen Grula by a Friend; For the Health & Healing of Anna from Newtown Café by Helen Semanski.

A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Loving Memory of Jim Londergan by His Wife Francie; In Memory of Joseph C. Ciavarella by Sisters, Patricia & Diane; In Memory of Frank Aukstakalnis by Don & Theresa Kane; For Health & Healing of Leonard Okuniewski, Jr. by John & Alice.

A SAINT JOSEPH CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. ANDREW): For the Health & Healing of Michael Dantone by Helen Semanski.

**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. 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"

Have a safe, summer vacation, but remember, it is not a vacation from Sunday Mass.

Classes will resume after Labor Day.

ST. LEO CONFIRMATION PHOTOS: Confirmation pictures are available for pick-up at the rectory during regular office hours. If you need to make alternate arrangements, please call the rectory at (570) 825-6669.

MISSIONARY VISIT: Rev. Jones Gyabaa-Yebo, a priest of the Diocese of Sunyani, Ghana, will celebrate Mass and preach about the missions in both St. Leo and St. Andrew Parishes on the weekend of July 26/27. The Second Collection that weekend will support the missionary efforts of the Diocese of Sunyani. Please welcome Father Jones and respond generously. Thank you.

2026 MASS INTENTIONS FOR ST. LEO: New mass intentions for 2026 can be offered starting on Monday, August 4 from 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Due to the size of our parish, please be mindful that there are a limited number of Masses available. To be fair, there will be 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). You might also want to consider other ways to honor your deceased loved ones: private prayer, lighting a candle, making a prayerful offering of a Mass you attend for the repose of a soul. All masses must be requested in person or over the phone (570) 825-6669. There are no pre-reserved dates. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

2026 MASS INTENTIONS FOR ST. ANDREW: New masses for 2026 can be scheduled starting Monday, August 4. 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.

ST. ANDREW OUTSIDE PANTRY: Without school meal programs in summer, many children go hungry. Please help keep our food pantry stocked with non-perishable items over the summer.

ST. ANDREW CHRISTMAS IN JULY RAFFLE: St. Andrew Christmas Tree is decorated with PA Scratch-Off Lottery Tickets. Raffle tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00 and are available in the church vestibule before and after masses. One winner will be drawn on Sunday, July 27 after the 11:00 Mass.

(Lottery Ticket donations will be accepted until the day of the drawing.)

ST. ANDREW BULLETIN BOARD: Has been added to the foyer of the church with information received from other parishes. Stop by to see what is happening in our diocese.

THANK YOU: For your generosity to the collection for the Care and Education of Priests last weekend. May God Bless You Always!

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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