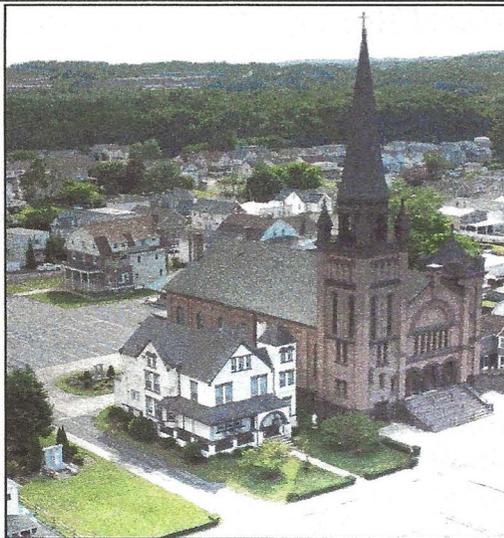


SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 20, 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)

**CONFESSIO**

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

<u>Administrative Asst:</u>	Marina Kachinko	<u>Administrative Asst:</u>	Helene Skopek-Krygier
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<u>Office Hours:</u>	Monday - Friday		9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.		

### Readings for Sunday July 27, 2025

**First Reading:** “Far be it from you to do such a thing, to make the innocent die with the guilty so that the innocent and the guilty would be treated alike! Should not the judge of all the world act with justice?” (Gn 18:25)

**Psalm:** Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me. (Ps 138)

**Second Reading:** You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God. (Col 2:12)

**Gospel:** “And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” (Lk 11:9)

**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 MTG:** Sun., Aug. 10 after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Members are asked to attend.

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY RAFFLE (ST. ANDREW):** 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.)

**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, 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, Roslyn Glynn, Thomas Gorman, Quinn Gorman, Raymond Griffin, Karen Gula, 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, Lisa Urbanski, Bonnie Usmail, 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, Edward Hayduk, Sr., Leona M. Knopka and Joseph J. Rasavage. 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 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.

**Saturday, July 26, 5:30 p.m.:** Lector: Steve Yanchak; Extraordinary Minister: Mesa Ashton; Altar Server: Mia Ashton.

**Sunday, July 27, 11:00 a.m.:** Lector: Kristi Gibson, Nick Lutz; Extraordinary Minister: Jim Shovlin; Altar Server: Harley Dunbar, Thomas Dunbar, Colleen Jorda.



**ASHLEY FOOD PANTRY**

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 not reluctantly or under compulsion,  
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 (2 Corinthians 9:7)

**Weekly Collection 7/13/2025**

St. Leo: \$6,838.00                      St. Andrew: \$2,629.00  
 2nd Collection: \$449.00

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

Monday	07/21	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Ross A. Beckley	Family
Tuesday	07/22	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Vince & Millie Nardone	Family
Wednesday	07/23	No Mass		
Thursday	07/24	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Carolyn Yatko	Ostrowski Family
Friday	07/25	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Frank & Lottie Stanick	Stanick Family
Saturday	07/26	4:00 p.m. (St. Leo)	Deceased Members of the Madrak & Baseski Family	Lance & Marianne Baseski
		5:30 p.m. (St. Andrew)	Harry Havrilosin	Mike & Sue Havrilosin
Sunday	07/27	8:30 a.m. (St. Leo)	Paul Langan	Mom & Dad
		11:00a.m. (St. Andrew)	Louis Yanora	Carmella Kunis

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO):** In Loving Memory of Bill Galardi by Nancy Galardi & Sons; In Memory of Dee Oravic by John; In Memory of Sylvia Conduff by Clyde Harvey.  
**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. ANDREW):** In Memory of Jerry Washinski & Washinski Family by Wife, Theresa & Family.

**A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO):** In Memory of Zach Kollar by his Grandparents Dorothy & Dominick Ferro; In Memory of William & Mary Owens and William Owens, Jr. by the Phillips Family; In Loving Memory of Mary Dombroski by Daughter, Theresa; For Health of Sean Malone by Mom; In Loving Memory of Grandmother Anna by Judy Ann; In Loving Memory of Dee Oravic by Molly, Kenny, Kevin, Michael & Family; In Memory of Michael Bellas by the Bellas Family; In Memory of Frank J. Aukstakalnis by Helen Rice; For the Missing & Deceased Victims of the Texas Flooding by Ed Holland, Jr.; In Loving Memory of Millie Nardone by Her Children & Grandchildren; In Memory of Angela Reyes by Gary Burczy & Carole Kneal.

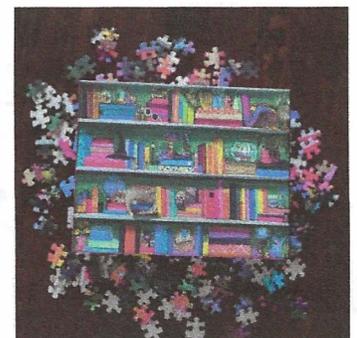
**A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. ANDREW):** In Memory of Stephen J. Yenchak, Wizda, Yenchak, Matsko & Machonis Families and Edward E. Polchin by Steve & Mary Yenchak; For the Health and Healing of John Ostrum by Family.

**A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO):** In Loving Memory of Jim Londergan by His Wife Francie; In Memory of Frank Aukstakalnis by John Walsh.

**A SAINT JOSEPH CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. ANDREW):** For Our Parishioners.

**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.**

**ST. ANDREW USED BOOK & PUZZLE SALE:** The St. Andrew Used Book and Puzzle Sale will take place on Saturday, August 23 (1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.) and on Sunday August 24 (10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.) Donations of gently used books and puzzles will be accepted until the day of the sale. Please drop off your donations in the box located in the church vestibule or at the rectory during office hours. Thank you in advance for your interest and donations!



## 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-Yeboa, 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 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.

### UPCOMING PARISH BAZAARS AND FESTIVALS IN OUR AREA:

- St. Nicholas-St. Mary Parish on St. Nick's Grounds - Final night, July 19 after the 4:00 p.m. Mass.
- Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Buttonwood - Final two nights, July 19 (5:00 p.m.-Midnight)  
July 20 (5:00-11:00 p.m.)
- St. Aloysius - July 31, August 1 and August 2
- St. John the Baptist, Larksville - August 8, 9, and 10

**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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