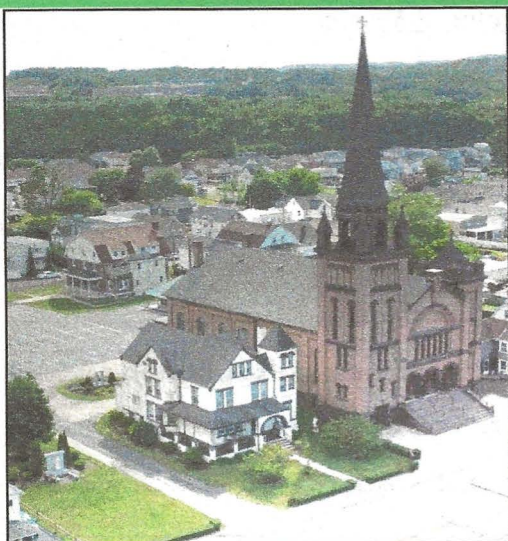


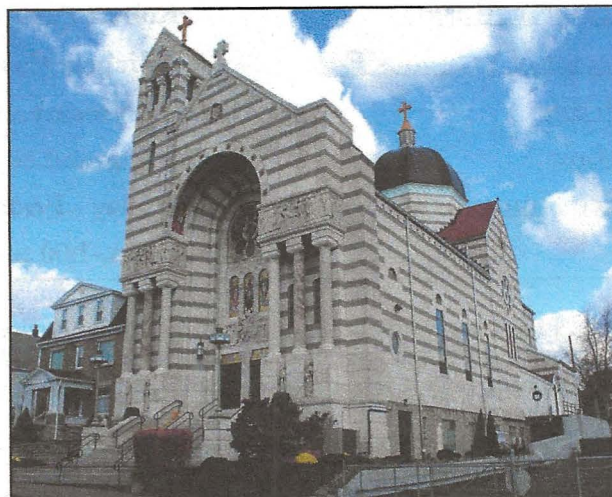
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St. Leo the Great Mission Statement

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)

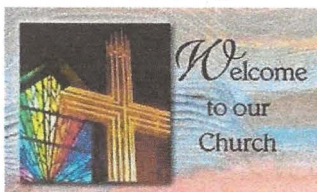
CONFESSION

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 5, 2026

First Reading: See, your king shall come to you; a just savior is he, meek, and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass. (Zec 9:9)

Psalm: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (Psalm 145)

Second Reading: For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. (Romans 8: 13)

Gospel: Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. (Matthew 11:29)

JUNE, THE MONTH OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS: During June we honor the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. We pray the novena and the Litany of the Sacred Heart. We pray that Jesus blesses us and keeps us closer to His Sacred Heart.



THANK YOU: Sr. Ifeoma and the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary wish to thank you for your generous response to their mission appeal. Your interest and concern is a real source of encouragement to them and their many missionary endeavors throughout the world. Please be assured of a continuous remembrance in the prayers of all the Sisters. St. Leo Parish donated \$3,976.15 and St. Andrew Parish donated \$1,528.75. May God continue to bless you and your families.

SECOND COLLECTION: The Peter's Pence Collection will take place this weekend, June 27/28. The purpose is to provide the Holy Father with the financial means to respond to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster and disease. Please be generous.

OFFICES CLOSED: In both churches on Friday, July 3 in observation of the July 4th holiday.

ST. LEO EMHCs, LECTORS & YOUTH ALTAR SERVERS: The mass schedule for 7/18 to 8/23 is ready to be picked up in the Sacristy. Please get a replacement if you cannot serve when you are scheduled. Notify Toni at (570) 868-8215 or alrisc@hotmail.com with any special requests or if you can no longer serve. Thank you.

ST. NICHOLAS - ST. MARY PARISH SUMMER BAZAAR: July 16, 17, 18 on the parish grounds, 226 S. Washington St. WB. 50-50 Raffle Drawing features a Cash Grand Prize plus 50 additional prizes. Traditional, Ethnic, Mexican and Caribbean foods. The Giant Flea Market Thurs. 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM, Fri. & Sat. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM plus Bountiful Baskets, games and many different booths. Music from 7:00 PM - 10:30 PM on Thurs. "Flaxy Morgan", Fri. "Popstar Drive", and Sat. "Kartune". Bazaar times: Thurs. & Fri. 5:30 PM - 10:30 PM and Sat. 5:00 PM - 10:30 PM.



Blessing for Our Country

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Bless this land that we love, a land You created in love.
We are at our best when we are close to You.
Please inspire, guide, and govern our leaders & our vision,
that our greatness may be founded in and defined in You.
Amen.

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CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL: Goal for St. Leo - \$42,544. To date, we have raised \$39,882. Goal for St. Andrew - \$19,248. To date, we have raised \$11,560. Please consider making a gift. Thank you!

CEMETERY ENVELOPES: Please be generous. St. Leo's is responsible to maintain Holy Family, St. Charles and Saints Peter & Paul Cemeteries. Thank you.

QUESTIONS TO PONDER: Re-read this Sunday's First Reading (2 Kings 4:8-10, 14-16) and the Gospel Reading (Matthew 10:37-42). The woman is rewarded for her hospitality to the prophet Elisha. Is there a friend or colleague who needs your kindness this week?

Jesus sets a high standard for those who choose to follow him. What have you found most rewarding about following Jesus?

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.



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(2 Corinthians 9:7)

Weekly Collection 6/21/2026

St. Leo: \$6,970.00

St. Andrew: \$4,018.25

2nd Collection: \$376.00

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

Monday	06/29	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Paul Langan	Mom & Dad
Tuesday	06/30	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Frank Aukstakalnis	McSparrow Family
Wednesday	07/01	No Mass		
Thursday	07/02	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Latishon & Zielinski Families	Son, John
Friday	07/03	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Carmine Calabro	Family
Saturday	07/04	4:00 p.m. (St. Leo)	Evelyn Taylor	Family
		5:30 p.m. (St. Andrew)	Leona Konopka	Maureen Garbush, Paul Schneikart & Sons
Sunday	07/05	8:30 a.m. (St. Leo)	Frances Soroka	Mary Kay Reed
		11:00a.m. (St. Andrew)	Deceased Members of the Bromfield & Smith Families Michael Krygier & Mark Skopek	Family Helene Skopek-Krygier

POPE LEO'S JUNE INTENTION IN THE MIDST OF THE FIFA WORLD CUP:

For the values of sport: Let us pray that sport may be an instrument of peace, encounter and dialogue between cultures and peoples, and may promote values such as respect, solidarity and personal growth.

A SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Memory of Thomas Servello by Linda Kulikuskus; In Loving Memory of Paul Rice by his Daughter, Lisa; In Loving Memory of Joseph Morris by his Daughter, Helen Rice.

A SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. ANDREW): In Memory of Walter Brady Sweetra by John & Donna Rinehimer.

A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Memory of Teresa Featherstone by Molly & Ken Jones and Family; In Memory of Teresa Featherstone by John Walsh; In Memory of Zach Kollar by his Grandparents, Dorothy & Dominick Ferro; In Memory of Charles Romanowski by Loving Wife, Fran; In Memory of Alice Rinker by Linda Kulikuskus; In Memory of Margaret Kulikuskus by Linda Kulikuskus.

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; In Memory of John Ostrum by Family; For Health & Healing of Karen Gula by a Friend.

A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Loving Memory of Jim Londergan by his Wife, Francie; In Loving Memory of Bill Vancosky by Wife, Ann Marie; In Loving Memory of Stanley Koznetski by Your Loving Wife; In Memory of George R. Zola by Daughter, Judy; For Health and Blessings of Fred Balester by Family.

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

To dedicate a candle for someone, please call the Rectory.

St. Leo (570) 825-6669 or St. Andrew (570) 8233-1948. Offering is \$10.

ST. ANDREW KAFFEE KLATCH: Every Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. It's a chance to get together and share stories, experiences and laughter! The rectory supplies the coffee. All are welcome!

ST. ANDREW CROCHETING & KNITTING GROUP: Meets Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory.

ST. ANDREW OUTSIDE FOOD PANTRY: We are accepting donations of non-perishable food items for our outside pantry. The pantry is located on the parking lot side of the church. Help us provide food for those in need. Thank you.

ST. ANDREW MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sat., June 27, 5:30 p.m.: Lector: Steve Yenchak; E.M.: Mesa Ashton; Altar Servers: Callie Drutchal, Helene.

Sun., June 28, 11:00 a.m.: Lectors: Kathy Smith, Tino Altavilla; E.M.: Jim Shovlin; Altar Servers: Gianna & Anna Altavilla.

Sat., July 4, 5:30 p.m.: Lector: Steve Yenchak; E.M.: Patti Martin; Altar Server: Helene.

Sun., July 5, 11:00 a.m.: Lectors: Kathy Smith, Tino Altavilla; E.M.: Helene; Altar Servers: Gianna & Anna Altavilla.

ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH SUMMER FESTIVAL 2026: St. Leo the Great Summer Festival was a huge success! Father Vinnie and all parishioners of St. Leo the Great would like to express our thanks to all who donated their time, talents and treasures to make our parish Summer Festival so successful! May God Bless You for your dedication and faithful service to our parish. We also thank all who came to our parish Summer Festival to support St. Leo Parish Community and to have a good time. May God reward you for your kindness and generosity!

TEAR DOWN HELP NEEDED SUNDAY, JUNE 28: Starting at 8:00 a.m. and finishing by 2:00 p.m. We are looking for people to help move stands, tear down fencing, etc. Whether it be an hour or two or the whole day, we would appreciate any help you can give us! Thank you!



CONGRATULATIONS: To our newest diocesan priest, Rev. Jan Carlo Pérez who was ordained by Bishop Bambera on Saturday, June 27 in St. Peter Cathedral. May God bless Fr. Pérez abundantly as he embarks on his priestly mission and may God give him many good years in which to serve the People of God in the Diocese of Scranton.

CONGRATULATIONS: To the newest member of St. Leo Parish, Hudson James Gola, son of Tyler Gola & Brittany Koneski who was baptized on Sun., June 21. May God bless him always.

FLOWER MEMORIAL: Last weekend, flowers on the St. Leo altar were placed in memory of Francis Xavier Ky Huu Dang by the Choir.

ST. ANDREW CHRISTMAS IN JULY: Please help us fill our Christmas tree by donating any denomination of PA Instant Lottery tickets. You can place them in the collection baskets, mail to or drop off at the rectory. Raffle tickets will go on sale on Saturday, July 4 in the vestibule. One winner will be drawn on Sunday, July 26. Thank you and God bless you.

CELEBRATE AMERICA: AN INDEPENDENCE DAY CONCERT: Presented by the NEPA Chapter, American Guild of Organists on Sun., June 28 at 3:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 97 S. Franklin St., WB. The concert is free and open to the public. For more info, visit www.agopane.org or call the church office at (570) 824-2478.

CONCERT FOR THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY of the UNITED STATES of AMERICA: Mon., June 29 at 7:00 p.m., St. John the Evangelist Church, 35 William St. Pittston. A combined choir with friends from the surrounding area will lead us in song. A free-will offering will be accepted.

CONGRATULATIONS: We, St. Leo the Great and St. Andrew Parish Communities extend our congratulations to all 2026 graduates. May God be with you and guide 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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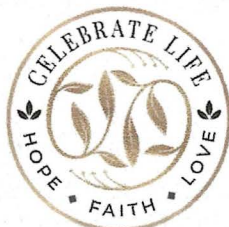
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