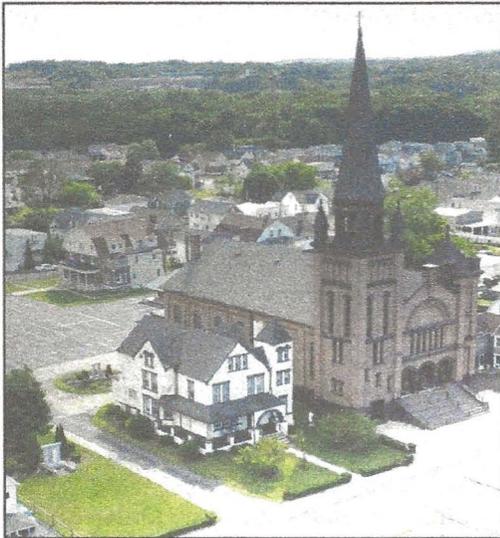


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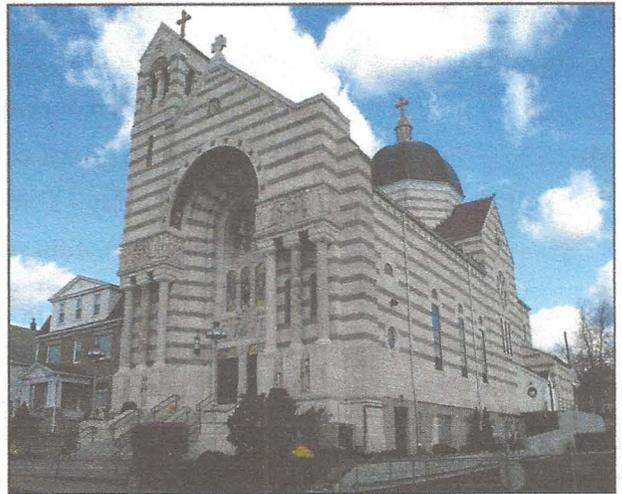
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ST. LEO THE GREAT & ST. ANDREW MASS SCHEDULE

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.

PASTOR: REVEREND VINCENT H. DANG

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Readings for Sunday, March 15, 2026

First Reading: Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the Lord rushed upon David. (1 Samuel 16:13)

Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Psalm 23)

Second Reading: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." (Ephesians 5:14)

Gospel: He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go, wash in the Pool of Siloam" -- which means Sent --. So he went and washed, and came back able to see. John 9:6-7)

LENTEN HOLY HOUR WITH BISHOP BAMBERA: The Holy Hour for our Wilkes-Barre Deanery is Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m. at Saints Peter and Paul Parish, 13 Hudson Rd., Plains. The theme: "Finding Peace in Challenging Times."

LENTEN REGULATIONS: As Jesus fasted 40 days in the desert, the Church traditionally fasts during Lent. A form of bodily prayer, fasting and abstinence in union with other Christians reminds us of our utter dependence on and love for God. A gesture of repentance, fasting is symbolic of a change of heart as we turn away from sin to live in fidelity to the Gospel. Fasting: Catholics aged 18-59 fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, limiting ourselves to one full meal and two smaller meals each day, with no snacking between meals. Abstinence: Catholics aged 14 and older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. Easter Duty Obligation: After receiving First Holy Communion, Catholic are bound by the obligation to receive the Eucharist at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess their sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Seasons.

CONFESSION: The Church encourages us to make confession a regular part of our spiritual life, especially during the holy season of Lent. Parishes are participating in a Lenten initiative called "The Light Is On For You." Every Monday during Lent, St. Leo Church will have confession from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. so Catholics can return to God's grace, mercy and healing.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST. LEO: Praying the Stations of the Cross is a way to embrace the passion of Jesus as we journey through Lent. Please join Father Dang every Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. in St. Leo Church for this Lenten devotion.

PALM SUNDAY MASSES: Sat., Mar. 28 (St. Leo) 4:00 p.m. & (St. Andrew) 5:30 p.m. and Sun., Mar. 29 (St. Leo) 8:30 a.m. & (St. Andrew) 11:00 a.m. **Please wear something red to these celebrations.**

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Weekly Specials \$5.50. Special for 3/13 is Spanish Rice
Beverages (Coffee, Tea, Water, Soda) \$1.00

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Karen Alber, Susie Ambrose, William Andahazy, Eugene Antos, Bonnie Balakier, Fred Balester, Bailey Barnds, Alice Battista, Terri Belanchik, Dorothy Belardinelli, 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, Lenny Carsillo, Thomas & Louise Cavanaugh, Jackson Chapasko, John Chernesky, Michael Corcoran, Dylan Culp, John Devaney, Dennis Disano, Janice Divers, Tom Drozda, Hunter Durland, Maureen Ehret, Jonathan Elick, David Evanko, Fadden & Alfano Families, Molly Eyers, 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, Helen Gist, Roslyn Glynn, Daniel Gold, Thomas Gorman, Quinn Gorman, Dolores Grazio, Raymond Griffin, Molly Griffiths, Pam Grimes, Karen Gula, Nicole Halversen, Karen Hannis, Ann Marie Harley, Jo Hart, Mary Himmel, Mary Hoffman, Jody, 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, Barbara Mazur, Lauren McDonald, Jillian Meehan, Debbie Mellas, Jesse Mendoza, Mary Ann Mihneski, Christopher Mortensen, Terry Murphy, Margaret Nealon, Lois O'Hara, Lenny Okuniewski, Betty Oldfield, Julie Olenak, 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 Reininger, The Reynolds Family, Cleo Rosemond, Libby Rush, Florence Ryder, Marie Saltz, Nick Santana, Josh Schlegel, Maddox Sebastian, Michael Sedon, Joyce Seiger, Helen Semanski, Theresa Shrader, Cynthia Sickler, Margaret Sipple, Ed Sively, Neil Smith, Tom Smith, Frank Sorokach, Joyce Squerciati, Jeff Statkiewicz, Nico Stavish, Tony Straka, Ayden Swantek, Charlotte Thomas, Jim Thomas, Justin Thompson, Rose Wallace, George Warman, Elaine Warman, Barbara Wasilewski, Bob Weidow, Jean Wiernusz, Cameron Wilson, Mary Wisniewski, Maria Wujik, Patty Zukoski and all the faithful departed, especially Jane Ann Uzdilla and William Dougher. If you know someone ill or who needs prayers, call either Rectory.

ST. ANDREW KNITTERS & CROCHETERS: Meet on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the 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!

EVENING OF REFLECTION AND PRAYER: At St. John the Evangelist Parish, 35 William St., Pittston on Wed., March 11 at 6 p.m. on the lower level of the church. For reservations (preferred, but not required) or more info please call St. John's office at 570-654-0053.

GORZKIE ZALE: This traditional Polish-language Lenten devotion known as "Bitter Lamentations" is Sunday, March 22 at 3:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont.

TAIZE PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS: Monday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m. at All Saints Parish, 66 Willow St., Plymouth. The music director at King's College and The Cantores Christi Regis Choir will be the ministers of music for this prayer.

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

ST. PAULY TEXTILE SHED: Located in the parking lot of St. Leo accepts used clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases and stuffed animals. Please bag and tie all items. Thank you.

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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(2 Corinthians 9:7)

Weekly Collection
3/1/2026

St. Leo: \$10,131.08

St. Andrew: \$2,623.00

2nd Collection: \$386.00

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

Monday	03/09	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Marilyn Wallace	Adelle Yurick
Tuesday	03/10	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Keith Casey	David & Alison Casey-Durko
Wednesday	03/11	No Mass		
Thursday	03/12	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Rose Mary Pilch	Bliss Family
Friday	03/13	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Joseph Jackiel	Elaine & John Jr.
Saturday	03/14	4:00 p.m. (St. Leo)	Phillip Woods	Tim & Maria Hunter
		5:30 p.m. (St. Andrew)	Anna Mohan & Shirley Meeker	Caron Edwards
Sunday	03/15	8:30 a.m. (St. Leo)	Corine Hockenbury	Jim & Jean Marie Hockenbury
		11:00a.m. (St. Andrew)	Dennis Usmail	Cheryl Gibson

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON GROUP NIGHT WITH THE WBS PENGUINS. Friday, March 13 at 7:05 p.m. Join the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins as they take on the Hershey Bears! Special group pricing/seating are offered to Diocese of Scranton friends and families! For more information or to purchase tickets directly over the phone, please call Tyler Rothmann at (570) 208-5407.

NIGHT AT THE RACES: Sat., March 14 at Saints Peter and Paul Church 13 Hudson Rd., Plains. Doors open at 5:30pm-Post Time is 7:00pm. Admission \$10 and includes food (Haluski, Pierogies, Chicken Fingers, Sausage & Peppers, Whimpies & Pizza) and Refreshments. Must be 21 years of age to enter. Horses and Admission tickets are sold at the Parish Office (570-825-6663).

A SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Memory of Joseph Yedlock by St. Leo the Great Knights of Columbus; In Memory of Zach Kollar by His Grandparents Dorothy & Dominick Ferro.

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 Memory of William Perugino by the Ranieli & Deno Families; For Health & Healing of Lenny Carsillo by the Malone Family.

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 Karen Gula by a Special Friend; For Health & 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 Ray Clarke by his Wife, Jane; In Memory of Lloyd Deno by the Ranieli & Deno Families.

A SAINT JOSEPH CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. ANDREW): For Health & Healing of John Ostrum by Family.

*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 \$36,292 to date. Goal for St. Andrew - \$19,248 and to date we have raised \$11,220.

Thank you for your support!

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.

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 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 HOLY COMMUNION & MAY CROWNING:

Sunday, May 3 at 11:00 a.m.

CONFIRMATION: Sun., May 17 at 11:00 a.m.

ST. LEO SUMMER FESTIVAL 2026

Friday, June 26 (6 - 11 p.m.) and Saturday, June 27 (5 - 10 p.m.).

We need as much HELP as possible to make Piggies & Pierogies. Please help if you can! Thank you.

Piggie Making: April 9, 10 and possibly 11 & Pierogi Making: May dates TBA.

SUMMER FESTIVAL MEETING: Mon., March 9 at 6 p.m. in the church hall.

Supplies needed for Pierogies: Gold Medal Flour & Cooper Cheese. Thank you!



CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS: Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 8. Remember to move your clocks ahead one hour this weekend.



CONGRATULATIONS: To Aiden Casey, Audrina Giannelli, Ella Klein, Braden Rutkoski, Grace Sapulak, Ava Schlingman & Alexander Schultz from St. Leo, and Amin Skibinski & Matthew Stilp from St. Andrew. They received the Bishop Youth Award on March 1 at the Cathedral. May God Bless them.

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend is for the Care & Education of Priests. Please be generous.

ST. ANDREW EASTER BASKET RAFFLE: Chances: \$2 each or 3/\$5 before and after Masses in the vestibule or in the church office until Mar. 29. One milk and one milk/dark chocolate basket.

ST. ANDREW MONTHLY DUES: Has changed from \$5 to \$7 per adult per month. Thank you.

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.

ST. LEO HOLY NAME MEETING: Sunday, March 8 after the 8:30 a.m. Mass, in the church hall.

ST. LEO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING: Tuesday, March 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the church hall.

ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN SOCIETY MEETING: Sunday, March 15 at 12 Noon in the church hall. All members are urged to attend.

WASHING OF THE FEET: 12 Volunteers are needed at each church on Holy Thursday, April 2 at the 7 p.m. Masses. All are welcome to participate, this includes children. Please see Father Dang or call the Rectory at (570) 825-6669 (St. Leo) or (570) 823-1948 (St. Andrew). Thank you.

ST. ANDREW MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 7, 5:30 p.m.: Lector: Steve Yenchak; E.M.: Margaret Sharksnas; Altar Servers: Helene.

Sunday, March 8, 11:00 a.m.: Lectors: CCD Students; E.M.: Lori Shovlin; Altar Servers: Gianna Altavilla, Ann Altavilla, Abrielle Good.

Saturday, March 14, 5:30 p.m.: Lector: Kathy Smith; E.M.: Maryellen Sloat; Altar Servers: Jude Height, Helene.

Sunday, March 15, 11:00 a.m.: Lectors: Yanitsa Gonzalez, Mike Kelly; E.M.: Judy Flaherty; Altar Servers: Joshua Gonzalez, Xander Commiso.

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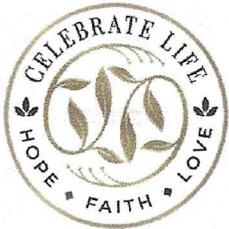


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