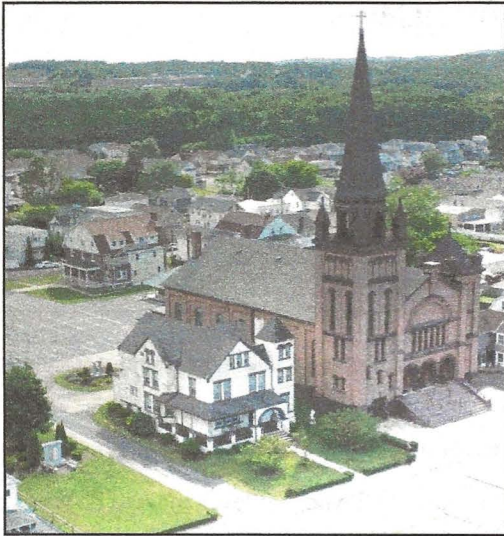


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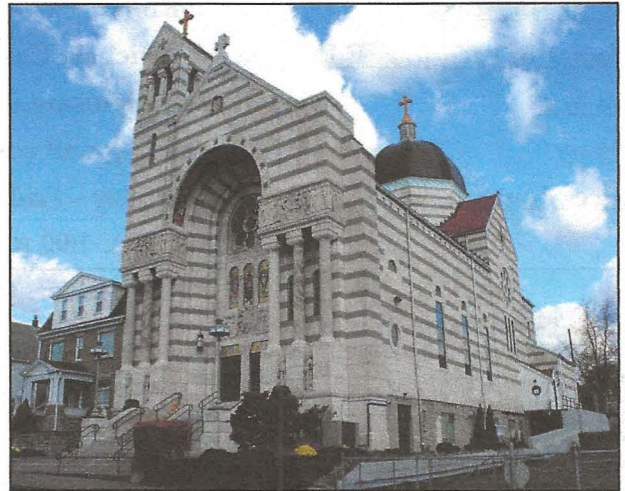
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## ST. LEO THE GREAT & ST. ANDREW MASS SCHEDULE

### 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, May 10, 2026

**First Reading:** For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice, came out of many possessed people, and many paralyzed or crippled people were cured. There was great joy in that city. (Acts 8:7-8)

**Psalm:** Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (Psalm 66)

**Second Reading:** For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. (1 Peter 3:18)

**Gospel:** "Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him." (John 14:21)

**MAY, THE MONTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:** During May, we honor Mary, our Mother, in special ways. We pray the rosary, we honor all mothers and we recall the crowning of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth. May Crowning will take place Saturday, May 2 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Leo Church and Sunday, May 3 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Andrew Church by our First Communicants. Please bring your family to pray and honor our Blessed Mother. Thank you for loving our Mother Mary.

**MAY - HONORING OUR MOTHER MARY:** We will recite one decade of the rosary before all weekend Masses. Please come a little bit early to pray and honor Blessed Mary, our Mother.

**MOTHER'S DAY ENVELOPES:** Father Dang will pray for all mothers (living & deceased) at every Mass during the month of May. Envelopes received will be placed on the altars. Thank you for loving our mothers.

**ST. LEO ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN SOCIETY MOTHER'S DAY CARNATIONS:** Will be offered on Mother's Day weekend, May 9/10, before and after all Masses. A \$1.00 donation is appreciated. All proceeds will benefit the Pro-Life Center.

**ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY AT ST. LEO ANNUAL BABY DRIVE:** For the Pro-Life Center until May 30/31. Donations should be placed in the "Pack 'n Play" located in the church vestibule. The Center appreciates any of the following: Diapers (sizes 3,4,5 & 6; no newborn sizes); clothing for boys or girls (sized newborn - 2T) including sleepers up to size 2 and spring jackets; toiletries including baby shampoos, lotion, ointments and especially wipes. Thank you for your help.

**MOTHER'S DAY ADOPTION MASS:** Sun., May 10 at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Peter 315 Wyoming Ave., Scranton. The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera will be the principal celebrant.

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

**ST. LEO PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING:** Mon., May 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the church hall. Members are asked to please attend. If you cannot, please notify Bernadette Druby or call the Rectory. Thank you.

**THANK YOU:** For your generosity to the Collection for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. May God bless you abundantly.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This weekend, May 2 and 3 for the Care and Education of Priests. Please be generous. Thank you and 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.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** George Abraham, Joan Abraham, Helen Alansky, James Alansky, Karen Alber, Keighlyn Alber, Susie Ambrose, Eugene Antos, Arthur Arellano, 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, Thomas & Louise Cavanaugh, Jackson Chapasko, John Chernesky, Michael Corcoran, Dylan Culp, Phyllis Davenport, John Devaney, 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, Larry Gibson, 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 Grula, 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, Richard Masaniello, Ray Maykovitz, Barbara Mazur, Lauren McDonald, Jillian Meehan, Michael Mehneski, Debbie Mellas, Jesse Mendoza, Mary Ann Mihneski, Jaque Misunas, Joe Misunas, Christopher Mortensen, Terry Murphy, Lois O'Hara, Lenny Okuniewski, Betty Oldfield, Julie Olenak, John Ostrum, Infant William Owen, Christine Owens, John Pac, Maria Parra, Patricia Pascoe, Janet Peake, Eileen Phillips, Laurie Phillips, Dennis Pisano, Brian Pollick, Margaret Prestas, David Pudlosky, Dan R., Benjamin Rae, Michael Ralston, Tom Ralston, Bobby Ramage, Donna Ransom, Marie Lu Reininger, Ron Reudink, Barbara Reudink, Justin Reudink, 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, Patsy Sledziewski, Neil Smith, Tom Smith, Frank Sorokach, Joyce Squerciati, Jeff Statkiewicz, Nico Stavish, Tony Straka, Ayden Swantek, Charlotte Thomas, Jim Thomas, Justin Thompson, Hortencia Torres, Rose Wallace, George Warman, Elaine Warman, Barbara Wasilewski, Edward Wasilewski, Elizabeth Wasilewski, Bob Weidow, Jean Wiernusz, Cameron Wilson, Mary Wisniewski, Maria Wujik, Patty Zukoski and all the faithful departed, especially Rev. Andrew Sinnott, Regina Munley, Deirdre Kathleen Nolan & Jane Williams and Deirdre Kathleen Nolan. If you know someone who is ill or who needs prayers, call either rectory.

**THANK YOU:** To everyone who donated items to St. Andrew Book, Puzzle, DVD & CD Sale. The parish received \$635.50 from the sale. God bless everyone who donated and worked at the sale.

**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!

**YOUNG ADULT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Thurs., May 7 at 7:00 p.m. St. Maria Goretti Church, 42 Redwood Dr., Laflin. Praise and Worship Music, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Social and Snacks.

**BUS TRIP PILGRIMAGE:** To the National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto, PA on Saturday, May 9. Cost: \$65/person, includes bus, lunch at Centre, beverages & snacks on bus. Leave Swoyersville at 7:30 a.m., return at 6:00 p.m. For more info call Mark (570) 262-2896 or go to [setonpa.com](http://setonpa.com).

**PILGRIMAGE TO WASHINGTON, DC:** In this Year of St. Francis, Our Lady of Hope Parish is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America and the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, on Wednesday, June 10. Cost: \$75.00 includes bus fare, breakfast items, snacks, water, hoagies (on the way home) & driver gratuity. Bus boards 6:15 a.m. - returns by 10:00 p.m. Reservations/payment due Mon., May 18. Contact Theresa (570) 862-6298 for more information.

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL:** Goal for St. Leo - \$42,544. To date, we have raised \$39,782. Goal for St. Andrew - \$19,248. To date, we have raised \$11,460. Please consider making a gift. Thank you!



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Thank you to all who have donated! May God Bless you for your kindness and generosity!

### COMMITMENT OF TREASURE

*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.  
(2 Corinthians 9:7)*

#### Weekly Collection 4/26/2026

St. Leo: \$6,886.00

St. Andrew: \$2,287.10

Home Missions: \$603.00

2nd Collection: \$380.00

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

Monday	05/04	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Richard P. Evans, Jr.	Anna, Doug & Andrea Laughlin
Tuesday	05/05	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Stephen Andrejko	Mary Anne Malone
Wednesday	05/06	No Mass		
Thursday	05/07	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Frank Pisonick	Betty, Suzie & Jessika
Friday	05/08	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Frank Caporali	Family
Saturday	05/09	4:00 p.m. (St. Leo)	For Mothers, Living & Deceased	
		5:30 p.m. (St. Andrew)	For Mothers, Living & Deceased	
Sunday	05/10	8:30 a.m. (St. Leo)	For Mothers, Living & Deceased	
		11:00a.m. (St. Andrew)	For Mothers, Living & Deceased	

**A SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO):** In Memory of Francis Xavier Ky Huu Dang by Don & Theresa Kane.

**A SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. ANDREW):** In Memory of Francis Xavier Ky Huu Dang by Mike Havrilosin.

**A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO):** For Health & Blessings of Eileen Phillips by Family (last week's candle was worded incorrectly); In Memory of Florence Evans by Bill Phillips & Family; In Memory of my Husband, John Woytas & my Granddaughter, Jennifer Woytas for their April Birthdays by Agnes Woytas; In Loving Memory of Anna Lorraine Merlie by the Barger Family; In Memory of Joseph C. Yedlock by Helen Rice; In Memory of Pamela Masaniello by the St. Leo Choir; For God's Blessings for my Successful Surgery by Albert; In Memory of Tammy Hoban by Pete; In Memory of Michael Bellas by Hollie Santay.

**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 by Family; For Health & Healing of Larry Gibson by Kristi Gibson; For Health & Healing of Karen Gula by a Friend.

**A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO):** In Memory of Zach Kollar by his Grandparents, Dorothy & Dominick Ferro; In Loving Memory of Jim Londergan by his Wife, Francie; In Memory of Paul V. Holland by Edward J. Holland, Jr.; Blessings for Charlie Barger on his First Communion Day by MayMay & PopPop Barger; For God's Blessings for my Successful Surgery by Albert; In Memory of John "Jack" McDonald by Jane Clarke & Family.

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

*To dedicate a candle for someone, please call the Rectory. St. Leo (570) 825-6669 or St. Andrew (570) 823-1948. Offering is \$10.*

**PENTECOST SUNDAY:** Please wear something **red** to the weekend Masses on May 23 & 24.

**2026 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS:** Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will celebrate this special Mass on Sun., June 28 at 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Peter, 315 Wyoming Ave., Scranton. The Mass will include couples celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Each couple **must register by Sunday, June 7** at [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org) or by phone: (570) 207-2213 x1133.

**ST. ANDREW MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, May 2, 5:30 p.m.:** Lector: Kim Stepanski; E.M.: Mesa Ashton; Altar Servers: Callie Drutchal, Helene.

**Sunday, May 3, 11:00 a.m.:** Lectors: First Communion Children; E.M.: Jim Shovlin; Altar Servers: Harley/Thomas Dunbar, Colleen Jorda.

**Saturday, May 9, 5:30 p.m.:** Lector: Steve Yenchak; E.M.: Mary Ashton; Altar Server: Mia Ashton.

**Sunday, May 10, 11:00 a.m.:** Lectors: Ken Yanora, Nick Lutz; E.M.: Colleen Yanora; Altar Servers: Abriella & Amelia Good, Helene.

**Ascension Thursday, May 14, 5:15 p.m.:** Lector: Kathy Smith; E.M.: Patti Martin; Altar Server: Helene.

**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](http://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

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS:** The following children will receive First Holy Communion on May 2:  
**Emersyn Blaser, Lucy Frank, Angelina Giannelli, Madelyn Grant, Mason Lehman, Evan Roberts, Vienna Senczakowicz, Madilyn Simonovich & Joshua Turinski**

Please pray for these children and May God Bless them always.

**CONFIRMATION:** Sunday, May 24 at 8:30 a.m.

**THANK YOU:** Our CCD classes for this academic year have come to an end. Please pray for our children that they have a wonderful summer and return safely to us in September. Please pray especially for our CCD Graduates: **Aiden Casey, Audrina Giannelli, Cian Hummer, Ella Klein, Braden Rutkoski, Ava Schlingman, Alexander Schultz, Connor Shovlin Luke Strish & Michael Urbanski** that they may continue to feel the presence of God's love and the support of our parish family.

**THANK YOU:** We, Father Vinnie and the parishioners, wish to thank all the CCD teachers, assistants, especially Mrs. Michele Casey (Director of Religious Education) for their dedication, hard work and loving our children. May the Risen Christ bless them always.

### 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.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS:** The following children will receive First Holy Communion on May 3:  
**Olivia Cichy, Alianna Zyrene Paraiso, Allison Marie Paraiso, Alexander Rivera & Melissa Sebolka**

Please pray for these children and May God Bless them always.

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

**LAST DAY OF CCD CLASSES:** Sunday, May 10.



**CATHOLIC CHORAL SOCIETY SPRING CONCERT:** Sunday, May 17, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Ignatius Loyola Church, 339 N. Maple Ave., Kingston. The Choral Society will host MMI Prep School Chorus under the direction of Jennifer Gerhard. The director of the Choral Society is Ann Manganiello, accompanist is Linda Houck.

## 2026 ST. LEO the GREAT PARISH SUMMER FESTIVAL

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

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, May 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. All are welcome. Thank you.

**RAFFLE TICKETS:** Are in the back of the Church, please take your tickets. If you are able to sell more, please call the Rectory (570) 825-6669. The Early Bird Drawing is Monday, June 8. Please try to sell or purchase your tickets to help with parish improvements and maintenance. Thank you and May God Bless You.

**PIEROGIE MAKING HELP NEEDED:** We need as much HELP as possible to make Pierogies. Fri., May 8 (1:00 p.m.), Sat., May 9 (8:30 a.m.), Fri., May 29 (1:00 p.m.) and Sat., May 30 (8:30 a.m.) in the church hall. Thank you!

**FOOD DONATION NEEDED FOR PIEROGIES:** Cooper Cheese. Thank you!! We have enough Gold Medal Flour. Thank you to those that donated.

**OTHER NEEDS:** Paper towels, Aluminum Foil and Gallon Freezer Bags. If you are able to donate, please drop off in the rectory. Much appreciated.

**RAFFLE NEEDS BASKETS & "BIG TICKET" ITEMS:** We are accepting Big Ticket Items and Baskets worth at least \$50 for our festival raffle. If you are able to donate, it would be greatly appreciated. Please drop off in rectory.

**PRIZES FOR BINGO:** \$10 gifts or gift cards are needed as Bingo prizes. Donations can be brought to the Rectory or to Theresa Kane's house. Thank you.

**ENTERTAINMENT AT THE SUMMER FESTIVAL:** Flaxy Morgan on Friday night and Hangin' with the F.O.G. on Saturday night. Enjoy!

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