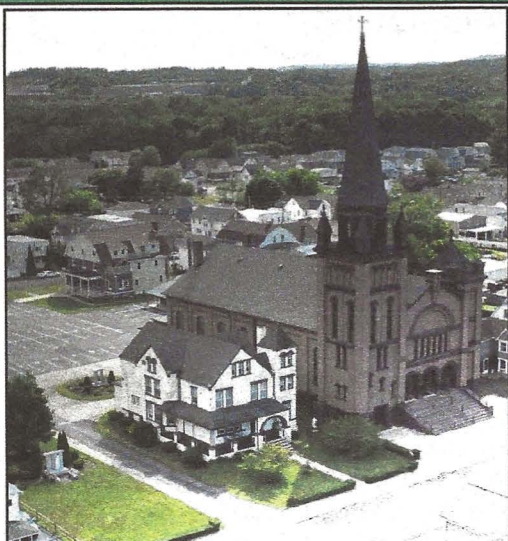
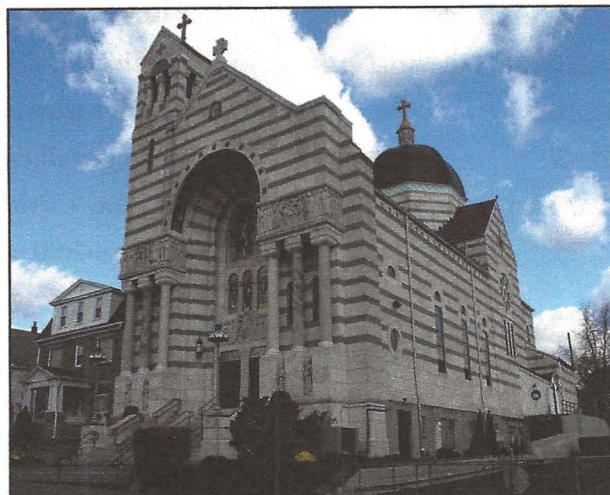


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St. Leo the Great Mission Statement

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, October 19, 2025

First Reading: As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight, but when he let his hands rest, Amalek had the better of the fight. (Ex 17:11)

Psalm: Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. (Ps 121)

Second Reading: Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it, and that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. (2 Tim 3:14)

Gospel: "Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" (Lk 18:7-8)



OCTOBER, THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY: In October, we will recite one decade of the rosary before all weekend Masses. Please come a little bit early to pray and honor our Mother Mary. Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

ROSARY & CROWNING OF THE BLESSED MOTHER: The Altar & Rosary/St. Ann Society will meet Sat., Oct. 11 to recite the rosary before the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Members are asked to meet at 3:15, as the rosary will begin at 3:30 p.m. The crowning of the Blessed Mother will follow.

POPE LEO XIV REQUEST: For everyone to pray the rosary for peace throughout October.

REMINDER: Vouchers for the Vino's Subs (St. Andrew fundraiser) are available at the table in the church vestibule. Please stop to pick up your voucher(s). Thank you for your support.

CONGRATULATIONS: To the newest members of St. Leo the Great Church. Jace Kocher, son of Matthew Kocher & Claudia Woznicki, and David Redmond IV, son of David Redmond III & Allison Gillis, who were baptized on Sunday, October 5. May God Bless them.

THANK YOU: For your generous response last weekend to the Second Collection for the Care and Education of Priests. May God bless you always.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL: In this *Jubilee Year of Hope* please consider making a gift which provides essential funding for five ministries serving every Catholic parish, school and family and many community individuals and families in the eleven counties of our diocese. St. Leo parish goal is \$42,544.00. We have raised \$6,152.00 to date. St. Andrew parish goal is \$19,248.00 and to date we have raised \$2,680.00. Thank you for your continued support!

ST. LEO HOLY NAME MEETING: In the Church hall on Sunday, October 12, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

OFFICES CLOSED: Mon., Oct. 13 in observance of Columbus Day. Thank you.

ST. LEO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING: Tuesday, October 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the church hall. All members are urged to attend.

ST. LEO ADULT FAITH FORMATION: Started on Mon. 9/15. Our current Bible Study is **Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled**. We meet on Mondays in St. Leo the Great Church Hall from 1:00—2:30 p.m. Upcoming dates are: 10/20, 10/27, 11/3, 11/10 & 11/17.

HOLY REDEEMER OPEN HOUSE: Sun., Nov. 2, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at 159 S. Pennsylvania Blvd., WB.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Susie Ambrose, William Andahazy, Eugene Antos, Bonnie Balakier, Bailey Barnds, Alice Battista, Terri Belanchik, 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, Bob Cirtella, Michael Corcoran, Dylan Culp, John Devaney, Janice Divers, Tom Drozda, Hunter Durland, Maureen Ehret, Jonathan Elick, David Evanko, Fadden & Alfano Families, Molly Eysers, Ron Fedorczyk, Christopher Fee, Marion Ferguson, Jean Flanley, Regina Fillman, Catherine Gallagher, Pam Gibson, Mary Ann Gildea, Roslyn Glynn, Thomas Gorman, Quinn Gorman, Raymond Griffin, Karen Gula, Nicole Halversen, Karen Hannis, Ann Marie Harley, Jo Hart, Mary Himmel, Mary Hoffman, 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, Dee Lallier, Maryann Lavan, Cathy Linker, Cinde Linker, Rachel Lohman, Ed & Janet Lopez, Janice Lord, Robert Lusk, Dale Malone, Sean P. Malone, Loren Mankey, Jodie Martin, Ray Maykovitz, Lauren McDonald, Jillian Meehan, Debbie Mellas, Jesse Mendoza, Mary Ann Mihneski, Paul, Milford, 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, 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 Reinninger, The Reynolds, Bob Roddy, Cleo Rosemond, Libby Rush, Florence Ryder, Marie Saltz, Nick Santana, Josh Schlegel, Joyce Seiger, Helen Semanski, Cynthia Sickler, Kevin Sinnott, Margaret Sipple, Ed Sively, Tom Smith, Neil Smith, Frank Sorokach, Michael Sedon, Theresa Shrader, Jeff Statkiewicz, Nico Stavish, Tony Straka, Charlotte Thomas, Jim Thomas, Justin Thompson, 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. If you know someone who is ill or needs our prayers, call the Rectory of St. Leo or St. Andrew.

ORGAN CONCERT FOR ALL HALLOWS EVE: Sun., Oct. 19 at 2:00 p.m., at St. John the Evangelist Church, 35 William St., Pittston. Parish organist and music director Michael Sowa will perform. The program features music both powerful and peaceful, with a little bit of Halloween mischief, just for fun! A free – will offering will be accepted to benefit the care and upkeep of the church's Kilgen pipe organ, originally built in 1930.

ST. ANDREW PARISH RCIA/OCIA: Preparation for joining the Catholic Church will start on Sunday, October 20, at 7:00 p.m. in St. Andrew Rectory.

ST. ANDREW MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 11, 5:30 p.m.: Lector: Steve Yenchak; Extraordinary Minister: Helene Skopek-Krygier; Altar Server: Pete Bonczewski.

Sunday, October 12, 11:00 a.m.: Lector: Kathy Smith; Extraordinary Minister: Nick Lutz; Altar Server: Josh Kioske, Xander Commiso, Callie Drutchal, Helene Skopek-Krygier.

Saturday, October 18, 5:30 p.m.: Lector: Steve Yenchak; Extraordinary Minister: Mesa Ashton; Altar Server: Helene Skopek-Krygier.

Sunday, October 19, 11:00 a.m.: Lector: Yanitsa Gozalez, Mike Kelly; Extraordinary Minister: Judy Flaherty; Altar Server: Joshua Gonzalez.



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not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver.*
(2 Corinthians 9:7)

Weekly Collection 10/5/2025

St. Leo: \$7,795.00	St. Andrew: \$2,252.00
Care of Priests: \$527.00	2nd Collection: \$433.00

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

Monday	10/13	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Joseph P. McDonald	Rita McDonald & Family
Tuesday	10/14	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Melanie Mizenko	Mom & Sister
Wednesday	10/15	No Mass		
Thursday	10/16	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Florence Brennan	Friend
Friday	10/17	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Michael Smith	Frank & Marylouise, Joel & Sarah
Saturday	10/18	4:00 p.m. (St. Leo)	Michael Smith	Family
		5:30 p.m. (St. Andrew)	Francis & Gene Belardinelli	Belardinelli Family
Sunday	10/19	8:30 a.m. (St. Leo)	Marjorie M. Roddy	Daughter, Mary Anne
		11:00a.m. (St. Andrew)	Mildred Papciak	Patti Martin, Florian & Juana Gyza

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Memory of Zach Kollar by his Grandparents, Dorothy & Dominick Ferro; In Loving Memory of Robbie Nardone by Mom, Dad, Sarah & Jordan.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. ANDREW): In Memory of John Havrilosin by Mike & Sue Havrilosin.

A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Memory of Deceased Members of the Dean Family by Bernadette Druby; In Memory of Carol Platko by Husband & Children; In Loving Memory of Robbie Nardone by His Aunts, Uncles & Cousins; In Memory of John Woytas by the Woytas Children.

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; In Memory of Frances Belardinelli by Family; In Memory of Donald Melan by Mike & Molly.

A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Loving Memory of Jim Londergan by His Wife, Francie.

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

**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.**

ALL SAINTS, SATURDAY, NOV. 1: We recognize all saints of heaven in a universal celebration. The feast serves as a catch all for saints we do not celebrate throughout the year, but it also celebrates the Triumphant Church of the resurrection. The saints are God's harvest. God has reaped the fruits of good sowing and gathered the maturing faithful into the eternal storehouse. All Saints Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, Nov. 1 at 4 p.m. at St. Leo and at 5:30 p.m. at St. Andrew.

ALL SOULS-ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, SUNDAY, NOV. 2: We remember the deceased among the faithful who await their entrance to eternal glory. This day we pray for the rest, those who need forgiveness for their sins; who yearn to see the face of God. All Souls Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. at St Leo and at 11:00 a.m. at St. Andrew.

ALL SOULS OFFERING: November is the traditional month for remembering those who have died. During this time, we pray in a particular way for those we love and to whom we owe so much - deceased family and friends. Fr. Dang invites you to remember your own families/friends with him. Send All Souls envelopes with the names of those to be remembered during Masses in November. It is his privilege to pray for those you love.

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. Thank you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION: If you did not register your child please call the Rectory immediately at (570) 825-6669.

The following parishioners have volunteered to be CCD Catechists: Mrs. D'Arcy (Dee) Werner, Kindergarten; Mrs. Joann Schultz, Grade 1; Mrs. Erin Frank, Grade 2; Mrs. Kathleen Rusak, Grade 3; Mrs. Rachel Young, Grade 4; Mrs. Donna Ranieli, Grade 5; Mr. Donald Kane, Grade 6; Mr. Kevin Hooper, Grade 7 and Mrs. Michele Casey, Grade 8.

SAVE IMPORTANT 2026 DATES:

FIRST PENANCE: Saturday, January 24 at 11:00 a.m.

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. Thank you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION: If you did not register your child please do so immediately at

<https://www.standrewwilkesbarre.org>.

SAVE IMPORTANT 2026 DATES:

FIRST PENANCE: Saturday, Feb. 7 at 10:00 a.m.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & MAY CROWNING:
Sunday, May 3 at 11:00 a.m.

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

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.

TENTS & TREATS HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION:

This event, sponsored by our combined parish societies and our religious education program will take place on Sunday, October 26, beginning with the 8:30 a.m. Mass. ALL CHILDREN of the parish, from infants to 8th grade are invited to attend the Mass in costume. After Mass, Father will bless the children in front of the main altar. Then, they will gather in the rear parking area for the Halloween activities (costume contest, prizes, treats and refreshments). Parents and families are invited to join their children for Mass and all the Tents & Treats events. Anyone who wishes to donate and/or distribute candy or other Halloween surprises should contact the rectory. In case of rain, events will take place in the church hall.

VETERANS' PROJECT AT ST. LEO: The St. Vincent De Paul Society and our Confirmation candidates are co-sponsoring a "Personal Items" drive from October 18, 2025 to November 9, 2025, for the military veterans who are residents at the VA facility in Wilkes-Barre. Requested items will be collected each week and the entire collection will be delivered to the residents during the week following Veterans' Day. Items should be placed in the Veterans' Bin located in the vestibule. Items requested for October 18/19 are shower gel, body wash (no bar soap), deodorant, powder and hand sanitizers.

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