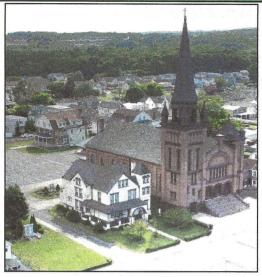
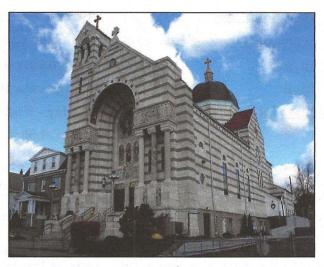
THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS SEPTEMBER 14, 2025



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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)

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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Monday - Friday

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Readings for Sunday, September 21, 2025

First Reading: The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Never will I forget a thing they have done? (Amos 8:7) **Psalm:** Praise the LORD who lifts up the poor. (Ps 113)

Second Reading: There is also one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as ransom for all. (1 Tim 2:5-6)

Gospel: "No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." (Lk 16:13)

DIOCESAN ASSESSMENTS: Our parish is required to pay the following yearly assessments to our Diocese based on the previous year's adjusted income. Diocesan Annual Assessment: \$110,706.00 or \$9,225.50/month. (Parish assessment, self-insurance and clergy benefits.) Catholic Schools Assessment: \$68,604.00 or \$5,717.00/month. Thank you for your continued support of your parish and Catholic Education. May God Bless You Always!

SUGAR NOTCH CEMETERIES: Our parish is responsible for the upkeep of Holy Family, St. Charles & SS. Peter & Paul Cemeteries. Please continue to use your cemetery monthly envelopes. May God Bless You for your faithfulness and generosity.

THANK YOU: For your generosity to the second collection for the Care and Education of Priests last weekend. May God Bless You Always.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY MTG: Sunday, Sept. 14 after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Members are asked to attend.

ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN SOCIETY: The Society will meet on Sunday, September 14 at 12 Noon in the church hall. All members are asked to attend.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY 9TH ANNUAL DINNER: Sunday, Sept. 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Chicken Parmesan or Salisbury Steak Dinner with mashed potatoes, vegetable, roll & dessert. Each meal is \$12.00. Tickets sold after Masses Sept. 13/14.

ST. ANDREW IS SELLING VOUCHERS FOR VINO'S SUBS: Now thru September 21, orders will be taken for Vino's sub vouchers. Vouchers entitle the bearer to a 10-inch cold sub (a list of subs is available). Cost of the voucher is \$10 per sub and payment is needed when your order is placed. If you would like to help sell the sub vouchers, order forms are available at the sales table. Vouchers may be picked up beginning September 27 in the church vestibule or rectory office.

FATHER VINNIE'S TRIP TO VIETNAM: Father is enjoying his time with his family and will return Thursday, Sept. 25.

2025 PA MARCH FOR LIFE: His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton and the Office for Parish Life invite you to the PA March for Life in Harrisburg on Mon., Sept. 22. Registration fee is \$20 and includes bus trip, snacks and a t-shirt. To register, please visit www.dioceseofscranton.org. If you have any questions, please call Bridget at (570) 207-2213 ext.1133.

BE A CATHOLIC MAN CONFERENCE: Sat., October 4 from 8:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m. at Holy Redeemer. Early bird registration \$30.00 until 9/15 (\$40 after). Students \$15. Morning coffee and box lunch included. For guestions call Mike at (570) 721-0872.

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, 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, Janice Divers, Tom Drozda, Hunter Durland, Maureen Ehret, Jonathan Elick, David Evanko, Fadden & Alfano Families, Molly Evers, Ron Fedorczyk, Christopher Fee, Marion Ferguson, Jean Flanley, Regina Fillman, Catherine Gallagher, Pam Gibson, Roslyn Glynn, Thomas Gorman, Quinn Gorman, Raymond Griffin, Karen Grula, 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, 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, Andrew Petezak, Mary Kay Pettinger, 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, Libby Rush, Florence Ryder, Marie Saltz, Nick Santana, Josh Schlegel, Joyce Seiger, Helen Semanski, Cynthia Sickler, Kevin Sinnott, Margaret Sipple, Ed Sivelly, Tom Smith, Neil Smith, Frank Sorokach, Michael Sedon, Theresa Shrader, Jeff Statkiewicz, Nico Stavish, Tony Straka, Charlotte Thomas, Jim Thomas, Justin Thompson, Lisa Urbanski, Bonnie Usmail, Albert Vrabel, Rose Wallace, George Warman, Elaine Warman, Barbara Wasilewski, Bob Weidow, Jean Wiernusz, Cameron Wilson, Mary Wisniewski, Maria Wuijk, Joseph Yedlock, Mary Ann Yedloski, Patty Zukoski and the faithful departed especially Mary Frances Heiser. 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: Starts on Monday, Sept. 15. Our parish Bible Study is Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled. This is an eight (8) session series led by Rev. Joseph Kakareka. We will meet on Mondays in St. Leo the Great Church Hall from 1:00—2:30 p.m. The dates are: 9/15, 9/22, 9/29, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3, 11/10 & 11/17.

ST. LEO EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, LECTORS, & YOUTH ALTAR SERVERS: The mass schedule for 9/27 to 11/01 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

ST. ANDREW MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 13, 5:30 p.m.: Lector: Kim Stepanski; Extraordinary Minister: Margaret Sharksnas, Pete Bonczewski; Altar Server: Helene Skopek-Krygier.

alrisc@hotmail.com with any special requests or if you can no longer serve. Thank you.

Sunday, September 14, 11:00 a.m.: Lector: Ken Yanora; Extraordinary Minister: Colleen Yanora; Altar Server: Callie Drutchal, Xander Commiso, Josh Kioske, Helene.

Saturday, September 20, 5:30 p.m.: Lector: Steve Yenchak; Extraordinary Minister: Maryellen Sloat, Mary Ashton; Altar Server: Helene Skopek-Krygier.

Sunday, September 21, 11:00 a.m.: Lector: Patrick Bradshaw, Megan Bradshaw; Extraordinary Minister: Jim Shovlin; Altar Server: Gianna Altavilla, Anna Altavilla.



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(2 Corinthians 9:7)

Weekly Collection 9/7/2025

Due to publication deadlines, weekly collection amounts may not always be published.

St. Andrew: \$ 2,350.00 2nd Collection: \$ 455.00

Monday	09/15	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Virginia Grilz	Steve & Deb Brezna
Tuesday	09/16	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Joseph Ferreira	The Family
Wednesday	09/17	No Mass		
Thursday	09/18	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Jerry Mizenko	Wife & Daughter
Friday	09/19	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Mary Keegan	Friend
Saturday	09/20	4:00 p.m. (St. Leo)	John Kuklewicz Jr.	Wife Marie
		5:30 p.m. (St. Andrew)	Walter & Margaret Hoeffner & Fran Jorda	Colleen Jorda
Sunday	09/21	8:30 a.m. (St. Leo)	Elizabeth Adamitis	Tony
		11:00a.m. (St. Andrew)	Jacky Sebastian	Father & Brothers, Joey & Mike

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Loving Memory of Jerry Mizenko by His Wife & Daughter; For Health & Healing of William Andahazy by the Bliss Family.

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

A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Memory of Deceased Members of the Lombardelli Family by Bernadette Druby; In Memory of Deborah A. Klingler by Mom & Family; In Memory of Andrew Crawford by Phil & Rita Woods; In Memory of Elaine Golias by Paul Golias & Family; In Memory of Jean McGrady by son Gene & Cindy; In Memory of Robert Goyne by His Sister, Agnes Woytas; In Memory of Patricia Sipple by Cousin Judy; For Special Intentions; In Loving Memory of Joseph Ferreira by His 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; In Memory of James Pahler by Mary Pahler & Family; For Health & Healing of John Ostrum; For Health & Healing of Elowyn Ann Mankey by Auntie Helen.

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 Thomas & Hazel McGovern by the McGovern & Galardi Families; In Loving Memory of Jim Londergan by His Wife, Francie; In Memory of John Baker by Gary Burczy & Carole Kneal.

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.

2026 MASS INTENTIONS ST. LEO: Can be booked during office hours. To be fair, there is 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. All masses must be requested in person or over the phone (570) 825-6669. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

2026 MASS INTENTIONS ST. ANDREW: Can be booked but 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. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

GIANT INDOOR FLEA MARKET: Will be held this weekend at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont, on Sunday, September 14, 8:30 - 1:30 a.m. in the church hall. Sunday will be "\$3 Bag Day." Bags will be provided.

THE DIOCESAN YOUTH RALLY: Students in the 7th-12th grades are invited Sat., Sept. 27 for the 3rd annual Diocesan Youth Rally, "Anchored in Hope: ¡Viva Cristo Rey!" It will be a day to deepen your faith, make new friends and experience fun and fellowship. It will take place at Notre Dame High School in East Stroudsburg from 1-8 p.m., Check-in opens at 12:30 p.m. Registration \$30.00, includes dinner and a t-shirt. Registration is coming to a close and must come through the Rectory (570) 825-6669. Please call if you are interested.

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 being dismissed from class at 10:30 a.m. Thank you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION:
Classes started Sun., Sept. 7. If you did not
complete a registration please contact the

complete a registration please contact the office or fill out an online registration form on the parish website immediately. Parents and Guardians should be aware that all parish children MUST RECEIVE First Penance, First Communion and Confirmation at St. Leo. If the children attend Catholic elementary schools, they will not receive these sacraments with their classmates. Rather, the diocese wishes all children to receive their sacraments at their home parishes. It is imperative that these children register for their sacraments so we have their contact information. Finally, all parents who wish their children to receive these sacraments must show that the students have been attending religious education classes either at Catholic schools or at St. Leo from grade one. 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 Ranielli, Grade 5, Mr. Donald Kane, Grade 6; Mr. Kevin

SAVE IMPORTANT 2026 DATES:

FIRST PENANCE: Saturday, January 24 at 11:00 a.m. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & MAY CROWNING:

Hooper, Grade 7 and Mrs. Michele Casey, Grade 8.

Saturday, May 2 at 11:00 a.m. CONFIRMATION: Date TBD

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:

At St. Andrew, the first CCD class will be held on Sunday, September 14, from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. Please help us prepare for this program by registering your child before the first class. In-person CCD Registration for children in grades K-8 took place. If you did not register please do so immediately. Online registration began August 23 on our website: 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: Date TBD

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.

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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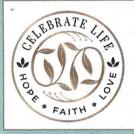


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