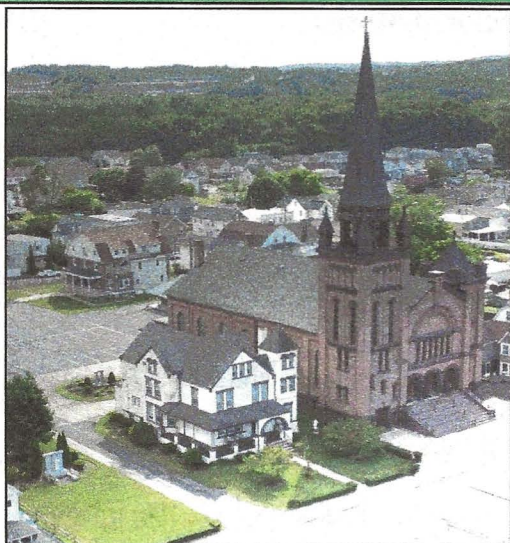


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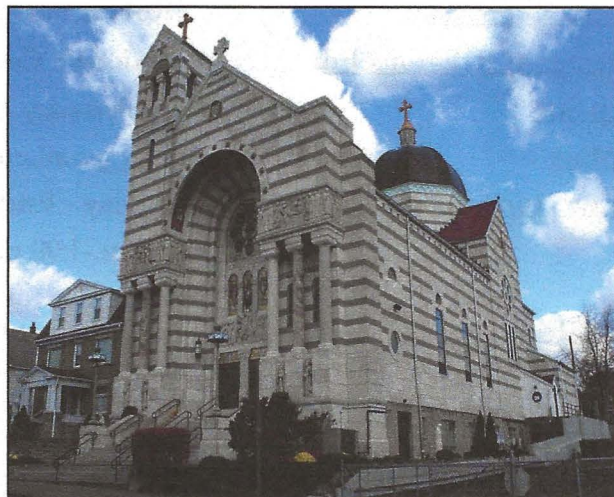
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St. Leo the Great Mission Statement

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

Readings for Sunday, October 5, 2025

First Reading: The rash one has no integrity; but the just one, because of his faith, shall live. (Habakkuk 2:4)

Psalms: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading: For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. (2 Tim 1:7)

Gospel: "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." (Lk 17:6)

WELCOME HOME, FATHER VINNIE!

THANK YOU: To Father Amankwaa, Father Fidel, Father Khanh, Father Looney, Father Murphy, Father O'Hara and Father Pepper for covering Masses in Father Vinnie's absence. May God Bless them abundantly for their service.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER LONG: Dear Friends: A note of appreciation to Father Vinnie for inviting me to assist him over these past 30 years and thank you to all the good people, including all at St. Leo the Great and St. Andrew parishes for all their kindness. It is impossible to say how much I miss you! Please know that you will always be in my thoughts and prayers. May God Bless and love you and your wonderful staff. Fr. Joseph Long, C.S.C.

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 earlier 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's Society will meet Sat., Oct. 11 to recite the rosary before the 4 p.m. Mass. Members are asked to meet at 3:15 followed by the rosary at 3:30. The crowning of the Blessed Mother will follow.



ST. LEO ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN SOCIETY BAKE SALE: This weekend in Father Vinnie's Kitchen. Baked goods will be available on Saturday from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. until 12 Noon. Please enjoy some delicious baked good and support the Altar & Rosary/St. Ann Society. Thank you.

THANK YOU: To all who supported the 9th Annual Dinner offered by the St. Leo Holy Name Society last Sunday. May God bless the organizers, cooks and bakers who made this event a success.

ST. ANDREW VOUCHERS FOR VINO'S SUBS: Are available at the table in the church vestibule. Please stop to pick up your voucher(s). The church will receive \$416.00. Thank you for your support.

BE A CATHOLIC MAN CONFERENCE: Saturday, October 4 from 8:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m. at Holy Redeemer. Registration is \$40; Students \$15. Morning coffee and box lunch included. For questions call Mike at (570) 721-0872.

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 11 counties. St. Leo parish goal is \$42,544.00. We have raised \$4,852.00 to date. Thank you for your continued support!

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 Ciritella, Michael Corcoran, Dylan Culp, 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, Jean Flanley, Regina Fillman, Catherine Gallagher, Pam Gibson, Mary Ann Gildea, 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 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 especially Lisa Urbanski. 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: Started on Monday, Sept. 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: 9/29, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3, 11/10 & 11/17.

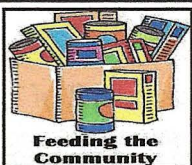
ST. ANDREW MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 27, 5:30 p.m.: Lector: Steve Yenchak; Extraordinary Minister: Margaret Sharksnas; Altar Server: Pete Bonczewski.

Sunday, September 28, 11:00 a.m.: Lector: Yanitsa Gonzalez; Extraordinary Minister: Judy Flaherty; Altar Server: Joshua Gonzalez.

Saturday, October 4, 5:30 p.m.: Lector: Kim Stepanski; Extraordinary Minister: Mary Ashton; Altar Server: Mia Ashton.

Sunday, October 5, 11:00 a.m.: Lector: CCD Students; Extraordinary Minister: Colleen Jorda; Altar Server: Gianna Altavilla Anna Altavilla.



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

Weekly Collection 9/21/2025

St. Leo: \$6,438.50

St. Andrew: \$3,635.13

2nd Collection: \$594.75

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

Monday	09/29	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Eileen Murphy	Jeanie & Skip Langan
Tuesday	09/30	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Florence Lohman	Charlotte L. Androckitis
Wednesday	10/01	No Mass		
Thursday	10/02	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Arielle Davis	Mom, Dad, Joel & Sharon
Friday	10/03	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Jack McGovern	Gillis & Vancosky Families
Saturday	10/04	4:00 p.m. (St. Leo)	Mary & John Svetz	Marianne Shulo
		5:30 p.m. (St. Andrew)	Rose Oliver & Cathy Neishell	Ashton Family
Sunday	10/05	8:30 a.m. (St. Leo)	Helen Alusick	Son, David
		11:00a.m. (St. Andrew)	Washinski Family	Theresa Washinski & Family

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Memory of Mary Frances Heiser by John Walsh; In Loving Memory of Tony Ranieli by Donna, Chad and Gianna.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. ANDREW): In Memory of John Soboleski by Family.

A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Memory of Zach Kollar by his Grandparents, Dorothy & Dominick Ferro; In Loving Memory of Mary Ann Fedorczyk by Husband, Ron & Children; In Memory of Robert Goyne by His Sister, Agnes Woytas; In Memory of Mary Ann Fedorczyk by the Counters; For Health & Healing of Tom and Mary Jean Petroski by Family; For Special Blessings for Kelsey Soboloski & Baby by Family; In Memory of the Basher Family; In Memory of the Augustine Family; In Memory of Charles Romanowski by Wife Fran; In Memory of Chuck Romanowski by Mom Fran; In Memory of Andrew & Sophie Lawrence by Daughter Fran; In Memory of Elizabeth Romanowski by Daughter In Law Fran; In Memory of Pam Kalinowski by Mother In Law; In Memory of Lisa Urbanski by Carole Kneal & Gary Burczy. In Loving Memory of Tony Ranieli by the Deno 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 John Ostrum; For Special Intentions for Edward Kratz by Brenda and Helen; For the Health & Healing of Heather Kratz by Family & Friends; In Memory of Fran Jorda by Thomas & Colleen Jorda.

A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Loving Memory of Jim Londergan by His Wife, Francie; In Loving Memory of Dan Wesgaites by Gary Burczy & Carole Kneal; In Memory of Bill Vancosky by Wife Ann Marie; In Memory of Jack McGovern by the Vancosky & Gillis Family.

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.**

ST. LEO PASTORAL COUNCIL: Will meet on Monday, September 29 at 6:00 p.m. in the church hall. Kindly RSVP to the church office at (570) 825-6669. Thank you and may God bless you always.

BLESSING OF PETS: In observation of the Feast of St. Francis Assisi, Father Vinnie will bless animals on Saturday, October 4th in St. Leo the Great Parking Lot.

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.

ST. ANDREW OUTSIDE FOOD PANTRY: Thank you to those who have donated non-perishable food to the outside food pantry. Please help us to continue to feed the needy by donating. 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. Thank you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION:

Classes started Sun., Sept. 7. **If you did not complete a registration please contact the office 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 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: Sun., May 24, 2026 at the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

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 was held on Sunday, September 14. Classes are from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. **If you did not register your child please do so immediately.** Go to <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, 2026 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

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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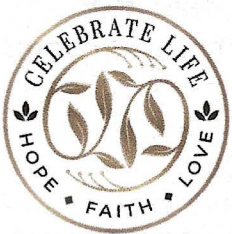


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