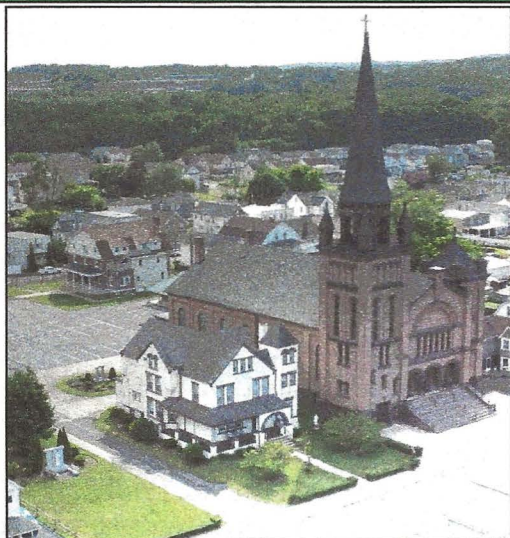
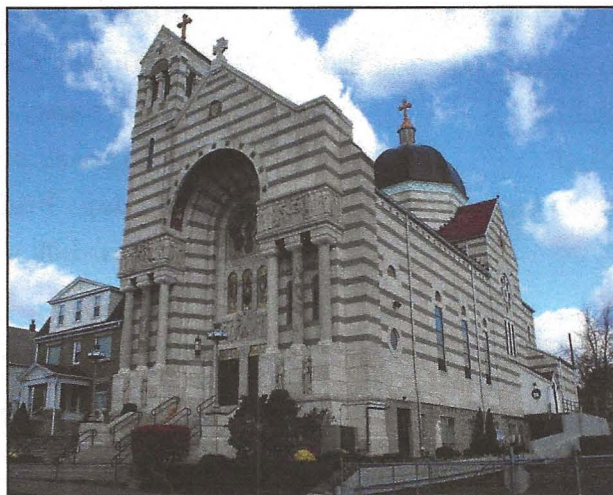


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**St. Leo the Great Mission Statement**

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**

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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.



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**Readings for Sunday September 14, 2025**

**First Reading:** "We have sinned in complaining against the Lord and you. Pray the Lord to take the serpents from us." (Nm 21:7)

**Psalm:** Do not forget the works of the Lord! (Ps 78)

**Second Reading:** He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. (Phil 2:8)

**Gospel:** For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

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**THANK YOU:** For your generosity to the humanitarian aid to Gaza last weekend. May God Bless You.

**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!

**FATHER VINNIE'S TRIP TO VIETNAM:** Father returns Thursday, Sept. 25. Please pray for him, as he will keep you in his prayers.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This weekend, Sept. 6/7, the Second Collection is for the Care and Education of Priests. Please be generous. Thank you and may God bless you always.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING:** TuesDAY, Sept. 9 at 6 p.m. in the Church Hall. All members are urged 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 MTG:** Sunday, Sept. 14 after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. 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. 6/7 and Sept. 13/14.

**ST. ANDREW IS SELLING VOUCHERS FOR VINO'S SUBS:** September 6 - 21, orders will be taken for Vino's sub vouchers. Vouchers entitle the bearere 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. Order forms are available if you would like to help sell vouchers. Vouchers may be picked up beginning September 27 in the church vestibule or rectory office.

**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.



**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Susie Ambrose, 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, Ron Fedorczyk, Christopher Fee, Marion Ferguson, Jean Flanley, Regina Fillman, Catherine Gallagher, Pam Gibson, Roslyn Glynn, Thomas Gorman, Quinn Gorman, Raymond Griffin, Karen Gula, Nicole Halversen, Karen Hannis, Ann Marie Harley, Jo Hart, Mary Frances Heiser, Mary Himmel, Mary Hoffman, Ruth Kackauskas, Brian Kelly, Pat Kelly, Frank Kempf, Thomas Mark Kinney, Abigail Klass, Chris Klau, 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, Lisa Urbanski, 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.

**ST. LEO ADULT FAITH FORMATION:** Beginning on Monday, Sept. 8, our parish Bible Study will be **Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled**. This is an eight (8) session series led once again 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: 9/8, 9/15, 9/22, 9/29, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3 & 11/10. The cost for the program will be \$30.00. If you are interested or want more information, please call Mary Anne Malone (570) 709-4963 as soon as possible so that materials can be ordered in time for the first class. All are welcome!

#### ST. ANDREW MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, September 6, 5:30 p.m.:** Lector: Karen Gula; Extraordinary Minister: Mary Ashton, Helene Skopek-Krygier; Altar Server: Mia Ashton.

**Sunday, September 7, 11:00 a.m.:** Lector: Kathy Smith; Extraordinary Minister: Nick Lutz; Altar Server: Haley Dunbar, Thomas Dunbar, Colleen Jorda.

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

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



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(2 Corinthians 9:7)*

**Weekly Collection  
8/31/2025**

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



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

Monday	09/08	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Khuong H. Dang	Altar & Rosary/St. Ann Society
Tuesday	09/09	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pepperling	Daughters
Wednesday	09/10	No Mass		
Thursday	09/11	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Wilhelmina Hooper	Kevin Hooper
Friday	09/12	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Anthony Khuong Huu Dang	John Latishon
Saturday	09/13	4:00 p.m. (St. Leo)	Deborah A. Klingler	Mom & Family
		5:30 p.m. (St. Andrew)	Michael Havrilson	Mike & Sue Havrilson
Sunday	09/14	8:30 a.m. (St. Leo)	Teresa Yermal	Dave and Jacque Smith
		11:00a.m. (St. Andrew)	Zaledonis Family	Theresa Washinski & Family

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO):** In Memory of Grandparents Andrew & Theresa Dobranski by Grandson, Anthony.

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. ANDREW):** In Memory of Jonathan Gula by Mom & Dad.

**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 Stacey Ann Galardi by Aunt Nancy & Cousins; In Memory of Robert Goyne by His Sister, Agnes Woytas; For Healing of Sean Malone by Mom.

**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 Helene Sirak by Family; For Health & Healing of John Ostrum by Family.

**A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO):** In Loving Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pepperling by their Daughters; In Loving Memory of Edmund Krzywicki by Daughter, Mary Lou & Family; In Loving Memory of Jim Londergan by His Wife, Francie.

**A SAINT JOSEPH CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. ANDREW):** For our parishioners.

**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.**

**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 closes Sept. 13 and must come through the Rectory (570) 825-6669. Please call if you are interested.

**GIANT INDOOR FLEA MARKET:** Will be held at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont, on Saturday, September 13, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Sunday, September 14, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. in the church hall. Sunday will be "\$3 Bag Day." Bags will be provided.

**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.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION

**Our CCD Motto is "MASS AND CLASS or CLASS AND MASS"**

### ST. LEO CCD

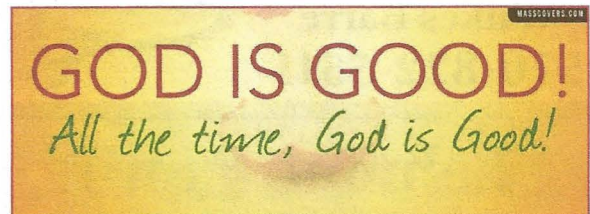
#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION:

In-person registration for Religious Education Classes for grades K-8 took place last week-end. **If you did not 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.

### ST. ANDREW CCD

#### 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>.



**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.

**BE A CATHOLIC MAN CONFERENCE:** October 4 from 8:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m. at Holy Redeemer H.S. The theme this year is "Christ is King". Early bird registration \$30.00 until 9/15 (\$40 after). Students \$15. Morning coffee and box lunch included. For questions call Mike at (570) 721-0872.

**CANONIZATION NEWS:** The canonization of Bl. Carlo Acutis will take place on Sunday, Sept. 7. Bl. Carlo Acutis will be canonized with Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati, another man from Italy who lived an exemplary life in his short 25 years. Both saints are patrons of youth and young adults. Prayer cards will be available in both churches. St. Pier Giorgio Frassati and St. Carlo Acutis, pray for us!

**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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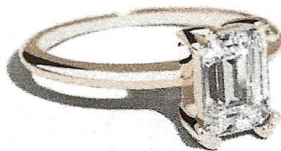
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