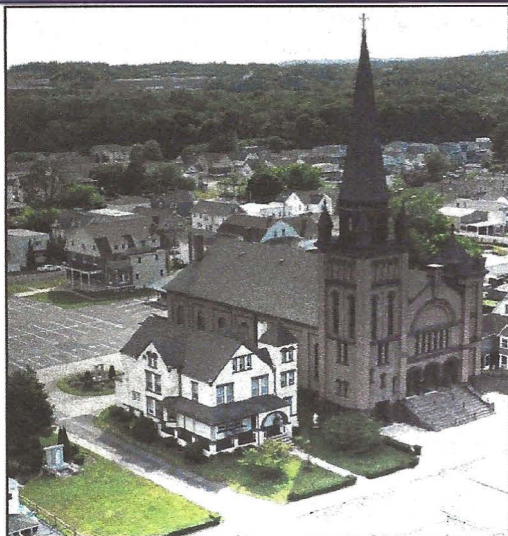


FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 21, 2025



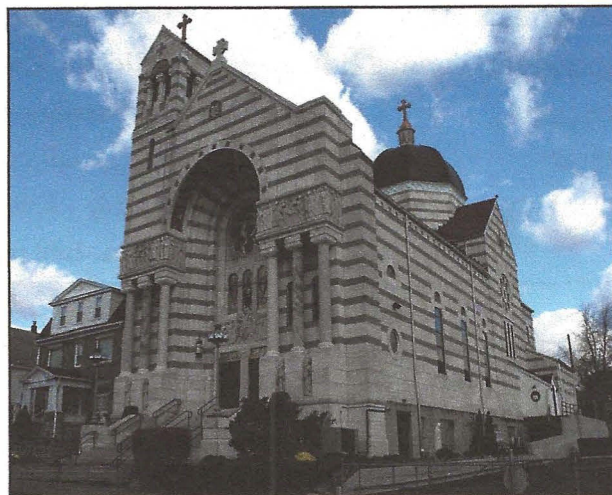
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Observing the Season of Advent

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent, meaning "to come to" is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

Advent devotions including the Advent wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season. An Advent calendar (like the one offered on the US Bishops website: uscbb.org) can help you fully enter into the season with daily activities and prayers to prepare you spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ.

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

<u>Administrative Asst:</u>	Marina Kachinko	<u>Administrative Asst:</u>	Helene Skopek-Krygier
	Mary Anne Malone	<u>Director of Music:</u>	Jeff Papciak
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<u>E-Mail:</u>	saintlhrc@gmail.com	<u>Office Hours:</u>	Mon, Tue, Thurs & Fri
<u>Office Hours:</u>	Monday - Friday		9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.		

Readings for Sunday, December 28, 2025

First Reading: Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. (Sir 3:3)

Psalm: Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways. (Ps 128)

Second Reading: And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Col 3:17)

Gospel: He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. (Mt 2:21)

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS - SOLEMNITY OF THE BIRTH OF THE LORD:

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Our Advent journey has come to fulfillment. With overwhelming joy we gather together to celebrate the birth of the Messiah. Tidings of great joy are announced to us this day - tidings of great joy to be shared by the whole world. At this time of gift giving, let us praise the One who gave us the greatest gift ever given to the world. Let us open our minds and hearts to welcome the Messiah, who comes at this sacred moment to save us from sin and deliver us from the darkness of evil. In the person of the tiny Christ child in the manger, the promise of salvation is made manifest. **O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!** May the infant Christ bless you richly with the Gifts of His LOVE as you share it with each other. Please know, you will be in ever prayer I utter throughout this Holiday Season.

Have a Holy Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Devotedly, Fr. Vincent Dang

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE: Christmas Eve, Wednesday, Dec. 24 at 4:00 p.m. (St. Leo) & 5:30 p.m. (St. Andrew). Christmas Day, Thursday, Dec. 25 at 8:30 a.m. (St. Leo) & 11:00 a.m. (St. Andrew).

NO 8:00 a.m. MASS: Friday, December 26.

NO CCD CLASSES: Sunday, December 28 in observance of the Christmas Holiday.

OFFICES CLOSED: Wednesday, Dec. 24 and Thursday, Dec. 25 in observance of the Christmas Holiday.

ST. ANDREW JANUARY LOTTERY TICKETS: Are available in the church vestibule after mass or at the church office. Tickets are \$10. Payment must be made to validate the ticket.

ST. LEO LOTTERY TICKETS: The St. Vincent DePaul Society is running a phone sale of their annual lottery tickets until Jan. 31. Tickets are \$5, contain two numbers and cover the 7:00 p.m. drawings for the month of February 2026. Daily winners receive \$25; weekend winners \$50; Valentine's Day winner \$100. If the same number is pulled on Valentine's Day and Feb. 28, that ticket holder wins \$5000. Proceeds from the lottery sale allows the Society to continue its support of our Food Pantry, parish projects and local charities. For questions/order tickets, please call Christine Casey at (570) 262-5008.

COLD/FLU SEASON: We ask those feeling sick or vulnerable because of their age or underlying medical conditions to stay home. Live streaming Masses are on Catholic TV of the Diocese of Scranton. Comcast/Xfinity channel 12 & Service Electric Cable TV channel 18.

THANK YOU: For your generosity in the collection for the Retired Religious. May God Bless You.

THANK YOU: To those who cleaned and decorated St. Leo the Great Church for Christmas. May God Bless You always.

ST. ANDREW OCIA: No meeting on December 22 or 29. Resumes on Monday, January 5.



Saint Andrew Parish

Memorial Poinsettia List – 2025 *



In Memory Of:

- Carl Becker
- Don R. Biebel, Sr.
- Robert & Mary Bambrick
- James & Romaine Brislin
- Patricia Claherty Oschal
- John Claherty
- Felix Desciak
- Florence Desciak
- Frank W. Eyerman
- Edith L. Eyerman
- Brent P. Evans
- Martin T. Flaherty, Sr.
- Dolores Flaherty
- Atty. Daniel J. Flaherty
- Donald J. Flaherty
- Peter Danko
- Sean Flaherty
- Joseph & Christina Petyak
- Jonathan R. Gula
- John, Helen & Richard Gula
- William, Marie, & Patti Kushner
- Mary M. Havrilosin
- John Havrilosin
- Susan Havrilosin Oravec
- Bill Lewis
- Lois Lewis
- Mary Thersa McCann
- Mary Thersa McCann
- Hubert McGovern
- Jeannette McGovern
- Helen McGovern
- Gower & Louise Williams
- Gertrude Hart
- Tom & Joan Kopinski
- Bob Scorey, Sr.
- Bob Scorey, Jr.

Requested By:

- Family
- Wife Theresa & Family
- Eileen & Jim Brislin
- Eileen & Jim Brislin
- The Claherty Family
- The Claherty Family
- Daughter
- Daughter
- Daughter Mildred
- Daughter Mildred
- Gram
- The Flaherty Family
- The Flaherty Family
- The Flaherty Family
- The Flaherty Family
- The Flaherty Family
- The Flaherty Family
- Gibson Family
- Mom & Dad
- Karen & Bob Gula
- Karen & Bob Gula
- Mike Havrilosin
- Mike Havrilosin
- Mike Havrilosin
- Family
- Family
- Family
- Family
- Catherine McGovern, Gary & Marie Dougherty
- Catherine McGovern, Gary & Marie Dougherty
- Catherine McGovern, Gary & Marie Dougherty
- Mary L. Pahler
- Mary L. Pahler
- Andrea Scorey
- The Scorey Family
- The Scorey Family

In Memory Of:

- Ada Scorey
- Ed Unvarsky
- Mark Kopinski
- Rose Marie Sebastian
- Jacky Sebastian
- Frank Semanski
- Margaret Donnelly-Semanski
- Kathie Schemery-Semanski
- Michael Krygier
- Mark Skopek
- Helene & Michael Sirak
- Soboleski Family
- Kubbishun Family
- Polak Family
- Chiumento Family
- Gerald Warke
- Washinski Family
- Zaledonis Family
- Julia & Ted Polinski
- Rita Meshko & Antoinette Heck
- John & Helen Wizda Family
- Stephen & Jean Yenchak Family
- Matsko Family
- Machonis Family
- Edward & Irene Polchin
- Vincent & Marian Matsko

Requested By:

- The Scorey Family
- The Scorey Family
- Andrea Scorey
- Husband & Sons, Joey & Mike
- Dad, Joey, & Mike
- Helen M. Semanski
- Helen M. Semanski
- Helen M. Semanski
- Helene Skopek-Krygier
- Helene Skopek-Krygier
- Mickie & Helene
- Nancy Soboleski
- Nancy Soboleski
- Nancy Soboleski
- Nancy Soboleski
- Warke Family
- Theresa Washinski & Family
- Theresa Washinski & Family
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- Theresa Washinski
- Steve & Mary Yenchak
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This list includes memorial requests received as of December 16, 2025. Requests received after this date will appear in a separate list in a future bulletin.



Saint Andrew Parish Memorial Ornament Tree – 2025 *



Gold Ornaments

In Memory Of:

- Tom & Marie Bromfield
- Bill & Ruth Smith
- Mary M. Havrilosin
- John Havrilosin (was blue last year)
- Susan Oravec
- Stephen J. Yenchak

Requested By:

- Family
- Family
- Mike Havrilosin
- Mike Havrilosin
- Mike Havrilosin
- Steve & Mary Yenchak

Blue Ornaments

In Memory Of:

- Mary Theresa McCann
- Hubert McGovern
- Jeannette McGovern
- Frank Semanski

Requested By:

- Family
- Catherine McGovern, Gary & Marie Dougherty
- Catherine McGovern, Gary & Marie Dougherty
- Helen M. Semanski

Green Ornaments

In Memory Of:

- Francis Dehaut III
- Felix Desciak
- Florence Desciak
- Helen McGovern
- Margaret Semanski

Requested By:

- His Parents, Francis & Luann Dehart
- Daughter
- Daughter
- Catherine McGovern, Gary & Marie Dougherty
- Helen M. Semanski

Red Ornaments

In Memory Of:

- John Gdovin
- Cathy Neishell
- Rose Oliver
- Ed Snopek
- Rose Snopek
- Joe Blizman
- Dennis Usmail
- Andrew Petyak
- Jonathan R. Grula

Requested By:

- The Ashton Family
- The Ashton Family
- The Ashton Family
- The Ashton Family
- The Ashton Family
- The Ashton Family
- Cheryl Gibson
- Cheryl Gibson
- Mom & Dad

Red Ornaments

In Memory Of:

- Raymond Miller, Sr.
- Raymond Miller, Jr.
- Ruth Miller
- Walter Hoeffner
- Margaret Hoeffner
- James Pahler
- William Sharksnas
- Mary Sharksnas
- Gower Williams
- Dolores Williams
- Dorothy Podehl
- Thomas Podehl
- Kathie Semanski-Schemery
- Helene Sirak
- Michael Sirak, Jr.
- Michael B. Sirak
- Mark Skopek
- Michael Krygier
- Walter Lenar
- Gerald Warke

Requested By:

- Colleen Jorda
- Colleen Jorda
- Colleen Jorda
- Colleen Jorda
- Colleen Jorda
- Pahler/Sharksnas Family
- Pahler/Sharksnas Family
- Pahler/Sharksnas Family
- Pahler/Sharksnas Family
- Pahler/Sharksnas Family
- Family
- Family
- Helen M. Semanski
- Mickie & Helene
- Mickie & Helene
- Mickie & Helene
- Helene Skopek-Krygier
- Helene Skopek-Krygier
- Helene Skopek-Krygier
- Warke Family

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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, David Fisher, 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, Nikki La Benda; Dee Lallier, Maryann Lavan, Cathy Linker, Cinde Linker, Rachel Lohman, Ed & Janet Lopez, Janice Lord, Robert Lusk, 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 Reininger, The Reynolds Family, 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, Rose Wallace, George Warman, Elaine Warman, Barbara Wasilewski, Bob Weidow, Jean Wiernusz, Cameron Wilson, Mary Wisniewski, Maria Wujik, Joseph Yedlock, Patty Zukoski and the faithful departed. If you know someone ill or who needs prayers, call the

AS WE CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS, A CANDLE IN FRONT OF THE BLESSED MOTHER SACRED HEART STATUES WILL BE LIT FOR HEALTH AND BLESSINGS BY ST. LEO THE GREAT ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN SOCIETY and ST. LEO THE GREAT HOLY NAME SOCIETY FOR:

The Bellas Family, Maureen Beckley, George & Alice Belanchik, Mary Bly, Stella Bobrowski, Florence Borkowski, Mary Boyle, Thomas & Louise Cavanaugh, Regina Chmil, Charles & Dorothy Christian, Irene Clark, Jane Clarke, Thomas & Patricia Clinton, Patrick Dieso, Mary Engle, Regina Fillman, Frances Gutosky, Jo Hart, Kathryn Hrichison, Elizabeth Hughes, Patricia Hughes, Joseph Kerestes, Blanche Kratz, Gary & Janice Kreidler, Harold & Carol Langan, Rev. Joseph Long, Helen Macijczak, Charles & Elizabeth Majikes, Joanne McCann, Dorothy Minnick, Agnes Munley, Margaret Nealon, Charlotte Neupauer, Bernadine Pahler, Henry & Ruth Pehala, Eileen Phillips, Dennis Pisano, Helen Rice, Dorothy Rusak, Barbara Seferyn, Georgene Sivulich, Dolores Skipalis, Katherine Stack, Joseph Svetz, Celia Toole, Anita Unvarsky, Jane Ann Uzdilla, Anna Wegrzynowicz, Geraldine Wegrzynowicz, Celestine Wendolowski,

CONGRATULATIONS: To the newest member of St. Leo Parish, Oliver Miles McCole, son of Shawn & Mackenzie McCole who was baptized on Sun., Dec. 7. May God bless him always.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS: Until Jan. 4, candle requests or bulletin submissions will be due 2 weeks before the bulletin's date. Thank you for your patience.

ST. ANDREW 2026 LECTOR WORKBOOKS: Are in the Sacristy for pick up. Thank you.

EMAIL/TEXT SCAMS: Father Dang **will not** contact you asking for money or gift cards. Thank you.



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COMMITMENT OF TREASURE

*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart,
not reluctantly or under compulsion,
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(2 Corinthians 9:7)

Weekly Collection
12/7/2025

St. Leo: \$7,660.00

St. Andrew: \$3,375.65

Care of Priests \$521.00

2nd Collection: \$ 523.00

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

Monday	12/22	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Bill Bly	Wife, Mary & Family
Tuesday	12/23	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	John Sr., Jule & Julie Lucas	Daughter-in-Law, Debbie
Wednesday <i>Christmas Eve</i>	12/24	4:00 p.m. (St. Leo)	For our Parishioners	
		5:30 p.m. (St. Andrew)	For our Parishioners	
Thursday <i>Christmas Day</i>	12/25	8:30 a.m. (St. Leo)	For our Parishioners	
		11:00 a.m. (St. An-	For our Parishioners	
Friday	12/26	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	No Mass	
Saturday	12/27	4:00 p.m. (St. Leo)	Mary & Frank Dombroski	Family
		5:30 p.m. (St. Andrew)	William Joseph, Jr.	Family
Sunday	12/28	8:30 a.m. (St. Leo)	Susan Louise Hughes	David Alusick
		11:00a.m. (St. Andrew)	Marge & Frank Semanski	Helen Semanski

A SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Loving Memory of Ida Mae Foley by McCann & Oravic Families; In Loving Memory of All Deceased Family & Friends of McCann & Oravic Families; In Memory of Peggy Maraski by Daughter, Barb & Tom Turinski; In Loving Memory of Mary & Frank Dombroski by Daughter Theresa; In Memory of Frank Aukstakalnis by Family; In Loving Memory of Bill Galardi by Wife Nancy & Sons; In Memory of Fred Schneikart by Family; In Memory of Joseph P. McDonald by Rita McDonald & Family; In Memory of Jonathan Elick by Rita McDonald & Family.

A SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. ANDREW): In Memory of Michael Garbush by Wife, Maureen & Family.

A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): For Health & Blessings of Bonnie Balakier by Friend, Theresa; In Memory of Zach Kollar by his Grandparents Dorothy & Dominick Ferro; In Memory of Catherine & Bonaventure Lombardelli by Bernadette Druby; In Memory of Patricia & Leo Druby by Bernadette Druby; In Loving Memory of Kimberly McGovern Pliska by Mom & Dad; In Memory of Mary Gallagher by Eileen Philips; In Loving Memory of Peggy Namey by The Namey Family; In Loving Memory of Joseph R. & Anna L. Merlie by The Barger Family; In Loving Memory of Joseph & Martha Barger by The Barger Family; In Loving Memory of Joseph J. Merlie by The Barger Family; In Loving Memory of Ann Marie Merlie by The Barger Family; In Loving Memory of Linda & Zig Roebuck by The Barger Family; In Loving Memory of Anna & John Aleszczyk by The Barger Family; In Loving Memory of Josephine & Zig Roebuck by The Barger Family; In Loving Memory of Kelly Nealon Connelly by The Barger Family; In Loving Memory of Sandie Pepperling Concannon by The Barger Family; For All Living & Deceased Members of the Altar & Rosary/St. Ann Society by Society; In Memory of Amy Biller by Carole Kneal & Gary Burczy; In Memory of Joseph & Anne McDonald by Rita McDonald & Family; In Memory of Virginia Grilz by Rita, Maureen & Annie; In Memory of Susan Cooney by Kara Rowley; In Memory of Ramon Martinez by Wife, Camille & Family.

A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. ANDREW): For Health & Healing of Karen Gula by Your Special Friend; For Health of Loren Mankey by Auntie Helen; For the Health & Healing of Ed Svelly by Helene; For Health & Healing for John Ostrum; In Memory of Stephen J. Yenchak, Wizda, Yenchak, Matsko & Machonis Families and Edward & Irene Polchin by Steve & Mary Yenchak; In Memory of Sirak, Lenar & Ostrum Families by Family; In Memory of Mark Skopek by Wife, Helene; In Memory of Michael Krygier by Wife, Helene; In Memory of Gene Belardinelli by Family; In Memory of Paul Joseph Stonikinis by Sister, Theresa Klinefelter.

A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): For Health & Blessings of Michael Sedon by Friend, Theresa; In Memory of Ella Bonjo by the Family; In Memory of John Shulo by Marianne Shulo; In Memory of Mary, Katherine & John Svetz by Marianne Shulo; In Memory of Paul Phillips by Eileen & Children; In Memory of Bill Vancosky by Wife, Ann Marie; In Memory of Jack & Nancy McGovern by their Family; In Memory of the Deceased Members of the McGovern Family by the Vancosky & Gillis Families; In Memory of the Deceased Members of the Conahan Family by the Vancosky & Gillis Families; In Memory of the Deceased Members of the Vancosky Family by Ann Marie Vancosky; In Memory of Karen Hess by Ann Marie Vancosky; In Loving Memory of Jim Londergan by Wife, Francie; In Memory of Chris Cimacosky by Carole Kneal & Gary Burczy; In Memory of Leonard & Claire Wegrzynowicz by Rita McDonald & Family.

A SAINT JOSEPH CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. ANDREW): For Health & Healing of John Ostrum; For Health & Healing of Michael Dantone by Helen Semanski; For Health & Healing of Jack Semanski by Helen Semanski.

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.

SAVE IMPORTANT 2026 DATES:

FIRST PENANCE: Saturday, Jan. 24 at 11 a.m.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & MAY CROWNING: Saturday, May 2 at 11:00 a.m.

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

CCD CHRISTMAS PARTY/CHILDREN'S MASS: Sunday, Dec. 21, please bring your children to attend and participate in the 8:30 a.m. Mass. The CCD Christmas party will follow for children in CCD and their younger siblings in the Church Hall.

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.

SAVE IMPORTANT 2026 DATES:

FIRST PENANCE: Sat., 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.

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Your children's safety is always the primary concern of ours. Please use your discretion if you choose to send your children to CCD in inclement weather.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY PIEROGIE PICK UP: Dec. 20/21 after Masses in St. Leo Church Hall. Thank you.

THANK YOU: To those who donated to the giving tree at St. Leo the Great and to the Knights of Columbus for their coat donations. May God Bless you abundantly for your thoughtfulness and kindness.

THANK YOU: To those at St. Andrew who gave memorial donations for the poinsettia and ornament trees, purchased toys and provided warm winter accessories for those in need. May God Bless You for your generosity.

THANK YOU: To all those who donate food, money or time to the Ashley Food Pantry. May God Bless You for your kindness, generosity and love.

THANK YOU: A very special thank you to our Altar Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Cantors, Choir Members, Ushers, Money Counters, Members of the Councils, CCD Teachers, St. Leo Parish Festival Committee, all our Societies, Ashley Food Pantry Volunteers and all the Volunteers of our Parishes who made our parishes vibrant and alive throughout 2025. May God reward you for your devotion to serve our parishes.

OPLATKI WAFERS: Are available before/after weekend Masses in the vestibule at St. Leo the Great Church until Sun., Dec. 21 or at the Rectory until Mon., Dec. 22. Donations are appreciated. Thank you.

FATHER JOSEPH LONG, C.S.C. ADDRESS: For those wanting to reach out to Father Long, his address is St. Joseph's Center, 495 Maple Lane, Valatie, NY 12184.

TAX STATEMENTS: All donations to be credited for 2025 must be received at St. Leo or St. Andrew offices by 12:30 p.m. on Tue., Dec. 30 or in the collection basket the weekend of Dec. 27/28. Itemized statements of contributions for tax purposes will be issued to parishioners requesting one. Thank you.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL: Please consider making a gift. Goal for St. Leo - \$42,544. We have raised \$15,407 to date. Goal for St. Andrew - \$19,248 and to date we have raised \$5,145. Thank you for your support!

ST. ANDREW MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec. 20, 5:30 p.m.: Lector: Steve Yenchak; Extraordinary Minister: Maryellen Sloat; Altar Server: Mia Ashton.

Sunday, Dec. 21, 11:00 a.m.: Lector: Patrick Bradshaw & Megan Bradshaw; Extraordinary Minister: Jim Shovlin; Altar Server: Amelia Good, Abrielle Good, Helene Skopek-Krygier.

Wednesday, Dec. 24, 5:30 p.m.: Lector: Kathy Smith; Extraordinary Minister: Mary Ashton, Pete Bonczewski; Altar Server: Mia Ashton, Callie Drutchal, Xander Commiso.

Thursday, Dec. 25, 11:00 a.m.: Lector: Ken Yanora; Extraordinary Minister: Colleen Yanora; Altar Server: Patty Martin.

Saturday, Dec. 27, 5:30 p.m.: Lector: Kim Stepanski; Extraordinary Minister: Maryellen Sloat; Altar Server: Callie Drutchal, Helene Skopek-Krygier.

Sunday, Dec. 28, 11:00 a.m.: Lector: Yanitsa Gonzalez, Mike Kelly; Extraordinary Minister: Lori Shovlin; Altar Server: Joshua Gonzalez, Xander Commiso.

DECORATING ST. ANDREW: Come help us decorate our church for Christmas on Sunday, December 21, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. If you would like to help, please come join us. Everyone is welcome!

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