THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 12, 2025

ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH

A COMMUNITY OF FAITH FORMED BY THE UNION OF HOLY FAMILY, HOLY ROSARY & ST. LEO'S PARISHES

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Phone: (570) 825-6669

ST. ANDREW PARISH

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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

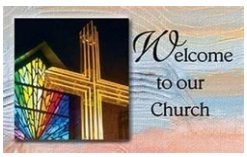
We, the people of St. Andrew Parish in Wilkes - Barre, strive to encounter the God who loves us, to remain a community that welcomes strangers as warmly as we do our fellow parishioners, and to become the hands of God in a world in need of divine peace and love.

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.

Parish Financial Report
St. Leo - Ashley
TREND ANALYSIS

		Fiscal Year July 1 - June 30				
		2024	**2023**	**2022**	**2021**	**2020**
Revenue						
Collections		397,467	397,146	365,662	294,281	290,500
Faith Formation Fees		-	-	-	100	-
Fundraising/Development		77,190	95,109	110,626	41,840	-
Other Income		10,438	96,184	67,134	5,502	84
Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan		11,400	14,979	9,457	829	-
Transfers Savings Account/Other		-	-	-	7,000	-
Diocesan Special Collections		17,658	17,254	13,005	8,130	11,029
Total Revenue		**514,153**	**620,673**	**565,884**	**357,682**	**301,612**
Expenses						
Administration		165,274	158,761	154,449	128,041	131,076
Rectory		1,910	4,658	22,946	2,023	115,367
Liturgy		27,815	25,844	24,792	22,860	25,038
Faith Formation		8,323	5,997	5,648	5,375	2,408
Social Justice		100	600	700	1,125	-
Operation & Maintenance of Plant		95,114	209,163	135,529	76,573	42,626
Fixed Expense		37,282	46,409	54,129	31,441	30,615
Debt Service			2,102	95,713	72,933	81,575
Capital Outlays		24,196	89,687	-	-	-
Designated Expenses /Transfers Out		-	27,826	2,634	4,287	-
Catholic School Assessment		79,380	-	81,662	63,366	70,596
Diocesan Special Collections Remittance		18,808	-	14,051	9,567	10,979
Total Expense		**458,202**	**571,045**	**592,253**	**417,589**	**510,280**
Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis		**55,951**	**49,628**	**(26,369)**	**(59,907)**	**(208,668)**
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	****(SEE NOTE)****	47,932	0	23,999	18,694	18,000
Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)		**103,883**	**49,628**	**(2,370)**	**(41,213)**	**(190,668)**

****NOTE****
Outstanding Diocesan Obligations could include: Diocesan assessments, School assessments, health insurance, self-insurance, pension and other expenses.

End of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	0	47,932	47,932	71,931	90,625
Beginning of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	47,932	47,932	71,931	90,625	108,625
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	**47,932**	**0**	**23,999**	**18,694**	**18,000**
Diocesan Loan/Debt	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

THANK YOU: For your generosity last weekend for the Second Collection for the Care & Education of Priests. May God bless you always.

HOLY NAME MEETING: Sun., Jan. 19 at 2:00 p.m. in the church hall followed by their "Non - Smoking Smoker."

ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN SOCIETY: Will hold a meeting on Sunday, January 26 at 12 Noon in the church hall. All members are urged to attend.

ST. LEO PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, January 27 at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. All members are asked to please attend. If you cannot, please notify Bernadette Druby or the Rectory (570) 825 - 6669.

ST. LEO FIRST PENANCE PRACTICES: Practice for all students receiving First Penance will be on Sunday, January 19, during CCD class. Final practice will be on Thurs., Jan. 23 at 6:00 p.m. in the church . Questions? Call Erin Frank (570) 371- 1196. Thank you.

Parish Financial Report
St. Andrew - Wilkes-Barre
TREND ANALYSIS

		Fiscal Year July 1 - June 30				
		2024	**2023**	**2022**	**2021**	**2020**
Revenue						
Collections		174,680	177,865	172,388	169,176	156,126
Faith Formation Fees		-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising/Development		18,709	121,684	36,499	35,821	34,991
Other Income		11,469	9,337	28,010	2,741	1,281
Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan		37,117	37,133	30,667	54,763	-
Transfers Savings Account/Other		-	1,105	-	-	-
Diocesan Special Collections		3,558	2,785	4,059	3,848	5,369
Total Revenue		**245,534**	**349,909**	**271,623**	**266,349**	**197,766**
Expenses						
Administration		115,753	114,937	108,471	117,670	117,670
Rectory		1,411	1,593	708	-	115,367
Liturgy		17,525	19,458	19,305	19,436	25,986
Faith Formation		911	1,305	473	898	373
Social Justice		-	-	1,311	750	-
Operation & Maintenance of Plant		75,583	60,527	44,909	39,502	32,840
Fixed Expense		20,437	30,018	18,825	18,167	17,568
Debt Service		22,631	32,968	3,849	29,175	-
Capital Outlays		-	1,734	10,748	-	-
Designated Expenses /Transfers Out		3,572	-	58	-	-
Catholic School Assessment		34,356	69,748	5,696	35,146	21,294
Diocesan Special Collections Remittance		3,792	2,675	4,312	3,994	3,313
Total Expense		**295,971**	**334,963**	**218,663**	**264,738**	**334,411**
Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis		**(50,438)**	**14,946**	**52,959**	**1,611**	**(136,644)**
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	****(SEE NOTE)****	234	39,346	(25,456)	3,077	(17,317)
Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)		**(50,204)**	**54,292**	**27,503**	**4,688**	**(153,961)**

****NOTE****
Outstanding Diocesan Obligations could include: Diocesan assessments, School assessments, health insurance, self-insurance, pension and other expenses.

End of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	116	350	39,696	14,240	17,317
Beginning of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	350	39,696	14,240	17,317	-
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	**234**	**39,346**	**(25,456)**	**3,077**	**(17,317)**
Diocesan Loan/Debt	69,488	89,718	119,482	145,828	170,486

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY LOTTERY TICKETS: Available for $5.00 for 2 numbers for the evening PA lottery drawing during February 2025. Please call Christine Casey to purchase at (570) 262 - 5008. Thank you and may God bless you.

ST. ANDREW LOTTERY TICKETS: January 2025 Lottery Tickets are available in the church vestibule each weekend. Tickets are $10 each and numbers are based on the evening PA daily number. Please note that payment must be made to validate the ticket. Late payments must be made before NOON on the drawing date. Thank you.

TAKING DOWN CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS AT ST. LEO CHURCH: Monday, January 13 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. If you are able to help, please come. Thank you.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Will meet Tuesday, January 14, at 6:00 p.m. All members are urged to attend.

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

Monday	1/13	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Theresa Yermal	Anne & Don Richards
Tuesday	1/14	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Mich Le	Granddaughter, Trinh Tran Hess
Wednesday	1/15	No Mass		
Thursday	1/16	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Carmine Calabro	Family
Friday	1/17	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Kleug & Anstett	Anne
Saturday	1/18	4:00 p.m. (St. Leo)	Frank & Lottie Stanick	Stanick Family
		5:30 p.m. (St. Andrew)	Yvonne Witkowski	Nora Conway
Sunday	1/19	8:30 a.m. (St. Leo)	Robert Bayer	Diane & John Olejar
		11:00 a.m. (St. Andrew)	Joseph Ellis	Scorey & Unvarsky Families

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Loving Memory of Theresa Dobanski by Family.
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. ANDREW): In Memory of Dolores & Marty Flaherty by Sue & Mike Havrilosin.
A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Memory of Zach Kollar by his Grandparents, Dorothy & Dominick Ferro; In Memory of Michael Bellas by Mom, Dad, Casey & Jared; In Memory of Mery Beth Koviack by Godchild, Cindy.
A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. ANDREW): In Memory of Stephen J. Yenchak, Wizda & Yenchak Families & Edward Polchin by Stephen & Mary Yenchak; For the Health and Healing of Karen Grula by a Friend; In Memory of Michael B. Sirak by Sirak & Ostrum Families.
A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Loving Memory of Jim Londergan by his Wife Francie; In Memory of Leonard Okuniewski by Children.
A ST. JOSEPH CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. ANDREW): In Memory of William O ' Brien by Sirak 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.

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 Dio. 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 - HourChild 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.

ST ANDREW MINISTRY SCHEDULE
Saturday, January 11, 5:30 p.m.: Lectors: Kathy Smith, Kim Stepanski; Extraordinary Minister: Maryellen Sloat; Altar Server: Helene Skopek - Krygier.
Sunday, January 12, 11:00 a.m.: Lectors: CCD Students; Extraordinary Minister: Lori Shovlin; Altar Server: Colleen Jorda.
Saturday, January 18, 5:30 p.m.: Lector: Steve Yenchak; Extraordinary Minister: Margaret Sharksnas; Altar Server: Pete Bonczewski.
Sunday, January 19, 11:00 a.m.: Lectors: Kristi Gibson, Amin Skibinski; Extraordinary Minister: Cheryl Gibson; Altar Server: Gianna Altavilla.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: The 2024 - 2025 Annual Appeal is underway. The theme this year is: " Our Call to Serve. " St. Leo has given $17,380 or 44.84% of their $38,760 goal and St. Andrew has given $5,600 or 29.40% of their goal is $19,046. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you and may God bless you always.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA): Classes are held at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Andrew Rectory. Please pray for our catechumen Natalya Raczkowski.

ST. LEO EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, LECTORS & YOUTH ALTAR SERVERS: The mass schedule for 1/11 to 2/16 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 alrisc@hotmail.com with any special requests or if you can no longer serve. Thank you for your service.

CARRYING UP THE GIFTS: When you attend a Mass for which you have scheduled an intention, we encourage you or other family members to bring up the gifts. Please let the ushers know before the Mass so they are prepared. Thank you.

TAX STATEMENTS: An itemized statement of 2024 contributions for tax purposes will be issued to any parishioner requesting one. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: The Christmas Collection for St. Leo was $8,052.00. The Christmas collection for St. Andrew was $5,032.00. Thank you for your generosity and love to our parishes.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY ANNUAL "SOUPER BOWL" CANNED SOUP DRIVE: Collection starts Sat., Jan. 18 until Sun., Feb. 9. Boxes will be in the church vestibule and side entrances. The Society is collecting any brand, any flavor! All soups go to the Ashley Food Pantry. Thank you.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Darlene Abraham, Susie Ambrose, Eugene Antos, Bonnie Balakier, Bailey Barnds, Terri Belanchik, Jared and Debbie Bellas, Ed Bliss, Stella Bobrowski, Robert Bozek, Louise Brant, Valerie Brody, Chloe Brown, David Bukoski, Jr., Vivian Grace Busardo, Pat C., Thomas and Louise Cavanaugh, Jackson Chapasko, John Chernesky, Michael Corcoran, Patrick Cosgrove, Kathy Crane, Dylan Culp, John Devaney, Sue Devaney- McClatchy, Janice Divers, Maureen Ehret, Jonathan Elick, David Evanko, Christopher Fee, Marion Ferguson, Jean Flanley, Pam Gibson, Roslyn Glynn, Thomas Gorman, Quinn Gorman, Karen Grula, Nicole Halversen, Karen Hannis, Jo Hart, Mary Frances Heiser, Mary Himmel, Mary Hoffman, George Joyce, Ruth Kackauskas, Pam Kalinowski, Marie Keegan, Frank Kempf, Thomas Mark Kinney, Abigail Klass, Chris Klau, Charles Koulik, Jr. Teresa Kucharski, Joseph Kulbaski, Maryann Lavan, Cathy Linker, Cinde Linker, Rachel Lohman, Janice Lord, Robert Lusk, Loren Mankey, Jodie Martin, Jessica Mbaye, Lauren McDonald, Debbie Mellas, Jesse Mendoza, Mary Ann Mihneski, Christopher Mortensen, Terry Murphy, Donna Nealon, Margaret Nealon, Julianne O' Brien, Lois O 'Hara, Betty Oldfield, John Ostrum, John Pac, Alice Pahler, Maria Parra, Janet Peake, Margaret Prestas, David Pudlosky, Dan R., Benjamin Rae, Michael Ralston, Tom Ralston, Bobby Ramage, Donna Ransom, Linda Reedy, Marie Lu Reinninger, The Reynolds, Fadden & Alfano Families, George & Toni Riscavage, Libby Rush, Florence Ryder, Nick Santana, Walter Seferyn, Joyce Seiger, Cynthia Sickler, Kevin Sinnott, Margaret Sipple, Tom Smith, Neil Smith, Frank Sorokach, Michael Sedon, Theresa Shrader, Jeff Statkiewicz, Tony Straka, Jim Thomas, Justin Thompson, Tia Toney, Lisa Urbanski, Lynn Vinyard, Albert Vrabel, George Warman, Elaine Warman, Barbara Wasilewski, Bob Weidow, Jean Wiernusz, Cameron Wilson, Maria Wujik, Ruth Wysocki, Joseph Yedlock, Mary Ann Yedloski, Patty Zukoski and the faithful departed, Richard Williams. If you know someone ill or you want us to pray for, call the Rectory of St. Leo or St. Andrew.

ASHLEY FOOD PANTRY

For clients residing in the 18706 zip code
Open: Thurs., February 13
10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Items in special need for January
Pancake Mix/Syrup

Thank you to all who have donated! May God Bless you for your kindness and generosity!

COMMITMENT OF TREASURE

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not Reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver - II Corinthians 9:7

Weekly Collection 1/5/2025

St. Leo	St. Andrew
$7,741.15	$2,551.00
2nd Collection: $549.00	2nd Collection: $480.00