FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 2, 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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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

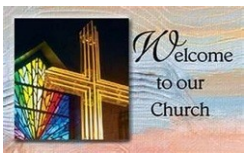
We, the people of St. Andrew Parish in Wilkes - Barre, strive to encounter the God who loves us, to remain a community that welcomes strangers as warmly as we do our fellow parishioners, and to become the hands of God in a world in need of divine peace and love.

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.

PASTOR: REVEREND VINCENT H. DANG

Administrative Asst:	Marina Kachinko Mary Anne Malone
Director of Music:	Robert Passetti
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Administrative Asst:	Helene Skopek-Krygier
Director of Music:	Jeff Papciak
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Readings for Sunday February 9, 2025

First Reading: Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said; "send me!". (Is 6:8)
Psalm: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord. (Ps 138)
Second Reading: Therefore, whether it be I or they, so we preach and so you believed. (1 Cor 15:11)
Gospel: Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. (Lk 5:10-11)

ST. LEO EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, LECTORS, & YOUTH ALTAR SERVERS: The mass schedule for 2/22 to 3/23 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 serving our parish.

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

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY LOTTERY TICKETS: Thank you for purchasing Lottery Tickets for the Month of February. May God bless you for your generosity.

MEMORIAL OF ST. BLAISE/BLESSING OF THROATS: Mon., Feb. 3 is the Memorial of St. Blaise. The traditional blessing of throats will take place during the weekend Masses of Feb. 1 & 2 at St. Leo the Great and St. Andrew Churches. Please come to receive your blessing.

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend, February 1 & 2 for the Care and Education of Priests. Please be generous. Thank you and may God bless you always.

THANK YOU: For your generosity last weekend in the Second Collection for the Catholic Church in Latin America. May God Bless you always.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK: In observance of the World Day of the Sick, anointing of the sick will take place after all Masses the weekend of Feb. 8 & 9 at St. Leo and St. Andrew.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY: In observance of World Marriage Day, there will be a renewal of marriage vows on Sat., Feb. 15 at 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Leo and 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Andrew and on Sun., Feb. 16 at 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Leo and 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Andrew. Couples should attend Mass together so you can renew your marriage vows and receive your blessing.

JUBILEE YEAR: The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has announced that 2025 will be a Jubilee Year. The theme for Jubilee 2025 is "Pilgrims of Hope." A Jubilee Year or a Holy Year, is a special year in the life of the Church usually celebrated every 25 years. To mark the beginning of the Jubilee, Pope Francis opened the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. Opening this door represents the passage to salvation which Jesus opened to humanity. At. St. Leo, you will see banners representing the Jubilee Year. Please take a prayer card found at all the church entrances. Pray for the Church and the World as we embark on this Pilgrimage of Hope.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION

Our CCD Motto is "MASS AND CLASS OR CLASS AND MASS"

St Leo

Classes are from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Sunday in the Education Center.
Mrs. Michele Casey, DRE (570) 760 - 9793
CCD teachers: Mrs. Darcy Werner (K); Mrs. Joanna Schultz (1); Mrs. Erin Frank (2); Mrs. Kathleen Rusak (3);Mrs. Rachel Young (4); Mrs. Donna Ranieli (5); Mr. Donald Kane (6); Mr. Kevin Hooper (7); Mrs. Michele Casey (8).
SAVE IMPORTANT 2025 DATES:
HOLY COMMUNION: Sun., May 4 at 8:30 a.m.
CONFIRMATION: Sun., June 8 at 8:30 a.m.

ST. LEO FIRST PENANCE CLASS:

Congratulations to the following children who received the Sacrament of Penance for the first time on Saturday, January 25:

Kensi Giannelli, Reagan Grant, Olivia Gorski
Ruby Le, Natalie O'Neill, Emerson Plisko
Emma Werner, Victoria Warke, Kylie Yenchak

Please pray for our children.

St. Andrew

Classes are from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. on Sunday at the Rectory & Church Hall.
Ms. Kristi Gibson, DRE (570) 417 - 2505
CCD teachers: Alaina Lutz, Judy Flaherty, Kristi Gibson, Nicholas Lutz, Peter Bonczewski, substitutes Traci Bradshaw, Cheryl Gibson, Helene Skopek - Krygier and teacher's aide Emily Pugh.
SAVE IMPORTANT 2025 DATES:
FIRST PENANCE: Sat., Feb. 8 at 10 a.m.
HOLY COMMUNION: Sun., May 4 at 11 a.m.
CONFIRMATION: Sun., June 8 at 11 a.m.

ST. ANDREW FIRST PENANCE CLASS:

Please pray for the following children as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Penance on Saturday, February 8 at 10:00 a.m.:

Liam Drury
Elijah Jackson
Ronald Johnson
Sadie Korona

ST. ANDREW FIRST PENANCE PRACTICE:
Will be Thurs., Feb. 6 at 6 p.m. in the Church.

COLD/FLU SEASON: We ask those who feel sick or vulnerable because of their age or underlying medical conditions to stay at home. People who are feeling ill or who have had recent contact with anyone with COVID - 19 are directed not to attend Mass until recovered or until self - quarantine is complete. Masses are live - streamed on Catholic TV of the Diocese of Scranton, Comcast/Xfinity channel 12 & Service Electric Cable TV channel 18.
WEATHER CONDITIONS: Your children's safety is always our primary concern. Please use your discretion if you choose to send your children to CCD in inclement weather. Thank you.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK AT ST. LEO & ST. ANDREW				
Monday	2/3	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Florence Yencho	Daughters
Tuesday	2/4	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Lisa Mellios	Joe Davis
Wednesday	2/5	No Mass		
Thursday	2/6	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Raymi Zabofski	Family
Friday	2/7	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Jack jackiel	John Jr. & Elaine
Saturday	2/8	4:00 p.m. (St. Leo)	Billy Bly	Wife Mary & Family
		5:30 p.m. (St. Andrew)	Nancy Manfre	Mill & Margaret Sharksnas
Sunday	2/9	8:30 a.m. (St. Leo)	Mary Florek Lynn	Daughter Michelle Mullin
		11:00 a.m. (St. Andrew)	Yvonne Witkowski	Yanalis Family

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Memory of Robert Nilon by John & Mary Carol Gabla.
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. ANDREW): In Memory of Juliann O 'Brien by Helene Skopek - Krygier.
A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Memory of Deceased Members of the Sherneski Familly by Benadette Druby; In Memory of Zach Kollar by his Grandparents Dorothy & Dominick Ferro; In Memory of Michael Bellas by Mom, Dad, Casey & Jared; In Memory of Dorothy Johnson by Becky Murray; In Memory of Therersa Yedloclk by the Cole Family.
A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. ANDREW): In Memory of Stephen J. Yenchak, Wizda, Machonis, & Yenchak Families & Edward Polchin by Steve & Mary Yenchak; For the Health & Healing of Michael Bly III by Mother & Father; For the Health & Healing of Karen Grula by a Special Friend; For the Health and Healing of Neil Smith by Karen & Bob Grula; For the Health and Healing of John Ostrum by Helene Skopek - Krygier.
A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Loving Memory of Jim Londergan by his Wife, Francie; In Memory of Brandon Hepner by the Barger Family; In Memory of Edward Bliss by Bob & Theresa Youngblood.
A ST. 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.

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.

ST. ANDREW MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday February 1, 5:30 p.m.: Lector: Steve Yenchak; Extraordinary Minister: Maryellen Sloat; Altar Server: Helene Skopek - Krygier.
Sunday, February 2, 11:00 a.m.: Lectors: CCD Students; Extraordinary Minister: Jim Shovlin; Altar Server: Colleen Jorda.
Saturday February 8, 5:30 p.m.: Lector: Kim Stephanski; Extraordinary Minister: Margaret Sharksnas; Altar Server: Pete Bonczewski.
Sunday, February 9, 11:00 a.m.: Lector: Patrick Bradshaw; Extraordinary Minister: Nick Lutz; Altar Servers: Colleen Yanora, Helene Skopek - Krygier.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: The 2024 - 2025 Annual Appeal is underway. The theme this year is: " Our Call to Serve. " St. Leo has given $17,700 or 45.67% of the $38,760 goal and St. Andrew has given $6,075.00 or 31.90% of their goal is $19,046. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you and may God bless you.

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

CARRYING UP THE GIFTS: When attending 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.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS: Please submit candle requests & other bulletin notices by Monday at 12:30 p.m.

ST. LEO ADULT FAITH FORMATION: Bible Study will resume for the Spring Semester (Feb. 3 to May) on Monday, February 3 from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. in the church hall. The topic is **Matthew, The King and His Kingdom,** and Fr. Joseph Kakareka will facilitate. Call Mary Anne Malone (570) 709- 4963 if you are interested. All are welcome!

COLLECTION FOR VICTIMS OF CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES: The wildfires have claimed homes, businesses and tragically, lives. Families are displaced, communities are shaken and many of our brothers and sisters are in desperate need of assistance. As Catholics, we are called to show mercy and compassion in times of suffering. For the next several weeks, we will accept donations for the wildfires victims. Please drop your donation in an envelope marked WILDFIRES at the rectory or in the collection basket. May God bless you for your kindness.

ST. LEO SUMMER FESTIVAL MEETING: First Meeting for Summer Festival 2025 will take place on Monday, February 3, at 6:00 p.m. in the church hall. Please attend. Thank you.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING: Sun., Feb. 9 at 9:30 a.m. in the Church Hall. Please attend. Thank you.

THANK YOU: A donation was made in loving memory of Bob & Caroline Cunningham and Dolores Gable Cunningham. Please remember them in your prayers.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Darlene Abraham, Susie Ambrose, Eugene Antos, Bonnie Balakier, Bailey Barnds, Alice Battista, Terri Belanchik, Jared and Debbie Bellas, Michael Bly III, 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, Ron Fedorczyk, Christopher Fee, Marion Ferguson, Jean Flanley, Regina Fillman, 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., Marie Koulik, Teresa Kucharski, Sandy Kuhar, 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, Lois O 'Hara, Betty Oldfield, John Ostrum, John Pac, Maria Parra, Janet Peake, Andrew Petezak, Andew Petyak, Brian Pollick, 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, Josh Schlegel, 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, Bonnie Usmail, 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. 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 February
Cereal

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 1/26/2025

St. Leo: $7,351.00
2nd Collection: $418.00

St. Andrew: $2,941.75
2nd Collection: $458.75