TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 17, 2025

ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH

A COMMUNITY OF FAITH FORMED BY THE UNION OF HOLY FAMILY, HOLY ROSARY & ST. LEO 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**
Director of Religious Ed:	**Michele Casey**
Web Site:	**www.stleos-holyrosary.org**
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Office Hours:	**Monday - Friday** **9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

Administrative Asst:	**Helene Skopek-Krygier**
Director of Music:	**Jeff Papciak**
Director of Religious Ed:	**Kristi Gibson**
Web Site:	**standrewwilkesbarre.org**
E-Mail:	**rectory@standrewwilkesbarre.org**
Office Hours:	**Mon, Tue, Thurs & Fri** **9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

Readings for Sunday August 24, 2025

First Reading: I know their works and their thoughts, and I come to gather nations of every language; they shall come and see my glory. (Is 66:18)
Psalm: Go out to all the world and tell the Good News. (Ps 117)
Second Reading: So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed. (Heb 12:12-13)
Gospel: For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." (Lk 13:30)

IMPORTANT SPECIAL MESSAGE

Weekly Envelopes for AUGUST have been mailed again. Until your envelopes are delivered, please put any contributions in a plain envelope. Write your name, envelope # (if known), the amount and what the contribution is for (Sunday Offering, Care & Education of Priests, etc.) on the front of the envelope before you drop it in the collection basket or the mail slot at the rectory door.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING.

SUMMER FESTIVAL 2025: The income for our Festival was $53,678.00 and the expenses were $23,977.15 leaving a net profit of $29,700.85. Thank you to all who gave of their time, talent and treasure to make our Festival a success.

NEW ROOF ON ST. LEO CHURCH: The roof of St. Leo Church has been replaced. If you would like to donate to this special project, please see Fr. Dang or contact the Rectory (570) 825-6669. Thank you to all who have already given and may God bless you for your dedication to our parish.

THANK YOU TO FR. JOE LONG: Father Joe Long will not be able to return to his service at St. Leo the Great and St. Andrew Parishes. We thank him for his unfailing love and dedication to Fr. Vinnie's parishes for over thirty years. His new address is: Rev. Joseph Long, C.S.C.. St. Joseph Center, 495 Maple Lane, Valatie, NY 12184. Please keep him in your prayers and may God bless him always.

FATHER VINNIE'S TRIP TO VIETNAM: Father will be leaving to see his family on Monday, August 25, and returning on Thursday, September 25. Please pray for him and for his safe journey, as he will keep you in his prayers. Holy Cross Priests and Diocesan Priests will take care of St. Leo and St. Andrew Parishes in his absence. Please welcome them.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING: Tuesday, August 26 at 6 p.m. in the Church Hall. All members are urged to attend.

CHOIR VOICES NEEDED AT ST. LEO CHURCH: If you like to sing in church, why not join our choir? Choir members and cantors are always needed. We practice on Mondays from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., and we sing at the Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass on the first Sunday of the month. On all other weekends, we sing at the Saturday Mass at 4:00 p.m. Do you play an instrument? Talk to Bob Passetti, our Choir Director.

ST. ANDREW OUTSIDE PANTRY: Without school meal programs in summer, many children go hungry. Please help keep our food pantry stocked with non-perishable items over the summer.

DIOCESAN JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE: On Wednesday, October 1, 2025, Bishop Bambera will lead the Jubilee Year of Hope Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC. We have a group of eight parishioners that will represent St. Leo the Great and St. Andrew Parishes on that pilgrimage. Please pray for a fruitful day for them. Thank you.

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 will take place in the church hall on Sun., Aug. 31 after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Online registration forms are available on the parish website. Fill in the blanks and submit by 8/31. 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 these students to receive their sacraments at their home parishes. It is imperative that these children register for their sacraments on or before 8/31, 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

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 takes place the weekends of Aug. 23/24 and Aug. 30/31 in the vestibule of the church before and after Mass. Online registration begins August 23 on our website: https://www.standrewwilkesbarre.org.

2026 MASS INTENTIONS ST. LEO: Can be booked during office hours. Please be mindful that there are a limited number of Masses available. 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. (Ex. Husband and wife or mother, father and brother). 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. (Ex. Husband and wife or mother, father, and brother). Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

BE A CATHOLIC MAN CONFERENCE: October 4, 2025 from 8:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m. at Holy Redeemer High School. The theme this year is "Christ is King". Early bird registration $30.00 until 9/15/25 ($40 after). Students $15. Morning coffee and box lunch included. For general questions about the Conference you may call Mike at (570) 721-0872.

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	08/18	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Theresa Klepadlo	Ostrowski Family
Tuesday	08/19	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Khuong H. Dang	Lance & Marianne Baseski
Wednesday	08/20	No Mass		
Thursday	08/21	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Frank & Lottie Stanick	Stanick Family
Friday	08/22	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Joseph Clark	Family
Saturday	08/23	4:00 p.m. (St. Leo)	Evelyn Taylor	Family
		5:30 p.m. (St. Andrew)	Leona Konopka	Family
Sunday	08/24	8:30 a.m. (St. Leo)	Rose Mary Strish	Children
		11:00a.m. (St. Andrew)	Patricia Bogumil	Colleen & Tom Jorda

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Memory of Rod Lucas Jr. by Mother Audrey Lucas Ball and Husband Leonard.
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. ANDREW): In Memory of Frances Kubbishun by Family; In Memory of Dolores Williams by the Sharksnas Family.
A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Memory of Carol Ann Opet by Phillip & Rita Woods; In Loving Memory of Edward Burczy Family by Gary Burczy & Carole Kneal; In Loving Memory of Bernard Magagna by Molly, Kenny and Family; For Health of Sean Malone by Mom; In Memory of Michael Bellas by Mom, Dad, Casey & Jared; In Loving Memory of Irene Kopiczak by Daughter, JoAnn; For Health & Healing of Lenny Okuniewski by Edmund & Elizabeth Okuniewski; In Memory of Aunt Ann by Judy; For a Special Intention by Judy Youngblood; For God's Blessings for the 35th Wedding Anniversary of Gary & Bernadette Druby.
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 the Health & Healing of Michael Bly III by Mother & Father; For the Health & Healing of Karen Grula by a Friend.
SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Memory of Zach Kollar by his Grandparents Dorothy & Dominick Ferro; In Loving Memory of Jim Londergan by His Wife Francie; In Memory of Bernard Magagna by John; In Memory of Phil Veet by Gary Burczy & Carole Kneal.
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.

ST. ANDREW USED BOOK & PUZZLE SALE: Sat., Aug. 23 (1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.) and Sun., Aug. 24 (10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.) Donations of gently used books and puzzles will be accepted until the day of the sale. Please drop off donations in the box located in the church vestibule or at the rectory during office hours. Thank you in advance for your interest and donations!

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. Ot 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.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Susie Ambrose, Eugene Antos, Bonnie Balakier, Bailey Barnds, Alice Battista, Terri Belanchik, Ed Belaski, 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, 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 Grula, Nicole Halversen, Karen Hannis, Jo Hart, Mary Frances Heiser, Mary Himmel, Mary Hoffman, Ruth Kackauskas, Frank Kempf, Thomas Mark Kinney, Abigail Klass, Chris Klau, Dakota Kledaras, 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, 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, Andew Petyak, Eileen Phillips, Brian Pollick, Margaret Prestas, David Pudlosky, Dan R., Benjamin Rae, 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 Sivelly, Tom Smith, Neil Smith, Frank Sorokach, Michael Sedon, Theresa Shrader, Jeff Statkiewicz, Nico Stavish, Tony Straka, Charlotte Thomas, Jim Thomas, Justin Thompson, Charlotte Thomas, 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, Joseph Alan Wasnalas, Irene Elizabeth Bitonti and Debra Ann Velikis. 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, September 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 by Aug. 18 so that materials can be ordered in time for the first class. All are welcome!

ST. ANDREW MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 16, 5:30 p.m.: Lector: Steve Yenchak; Extraordinary Minister: Margaret Sharksnas; Altar Server: Pete Bonczewski.

Sunday, August 17, 11:00 a.m.: Lector: Patrick Bradshaw, Megan Bradshaw; Extraordinary Minister: Nick Lutz; Altar Server: Anna Altavilla, Helene Skopek-Krygier.

Saturday, August 23, 5:30 p.m.: Lector: Pete Bonczewski; Extraordinary Minister: Mary Ashton; Altar Server: Mia Ashton.

Sunday, August 24, 11:00 a.m.: Lector: Yanitsa Gonzalez; Extraordinary Minister: Lori Shovlin; Altar Server: Joshua Gonzalez.

ASHLEY FOOD PANTRY

For clients residing in the 18706 zip code

Open: Thursday, September 11
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Items in special need for August
64 oz. Drinks: Apple/Orange/Grape

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.
(2 Corinthians 9:7)

Weekly Collection
8/10/2025

St. Leo: $ 6,098.00
St. Andrew: $ 2,626.45
2nd Collection: $ 473.67