THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

NOVEMBER 9, 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, November 16, 2025

First Reading: But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays. (Mal 3:20)
Psalm: The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice. (Ps 98)
Second Reading: Rather we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us. (2 Thes 3:9)
Gospel: "You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives." (Lk 21:17-19)

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL: In this *Jubilee Year of Hope* please consider making a gift that provides essential funding for 5 ministries serving every Catholic parish, school and family and many community individuals and families in the 11 counties of our diocese. Goal for St. Leo - $42,544. We have raised $13,827 to date. Goal for St. Andrew - $19,248 and to date we have raised $3,875. Thank you for your support!

ALL SOULS OFFERING: November is the traditional month for remembering those who have died. During this time, we pray in a particular way for those we love and to whom we owe so much - deceased family and friends. Fr. Dang invites you to remember your loved ones with him. Send All Souls envelopes with the names of those to be remembered during Masses in November. It is his privilege to pray for those you love.

ST. LEO HOLY NAME MEETING: Meeting will be held in the church hall on Sunday, November 9 after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. All members are asked to attend.

ST. LEO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING: Tuesday, November 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. All members are urged to attend.

ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN'S SOCIETY MEETING: Sun., Nov. 16 at Noon in the Church Hall.

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

ST. ANDREW CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER: Sun., Nov. 16 is the last day to place your order and pay for the 24" mixed greens wreaths being sold by LSPCU Branch 213. The cost is $17.00.
Order forms are available at the entrances to St. Andrew Church, at the rectory office and at standrewwilkesbarre.org.

SAFETY REMINDER: Please lock your car while attending Mass.

THANKSGIVING MASS - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27: "Eucharist" means "to give thanks." For the Church, every Lord's Day is a day of Thanksgiving. By virtue of our baptism it is our duty and our delight always and everywhere to give thanks and praise on behalf of the world. I invite you to St. Leo the Great Church for Thanksgiving Mass at 8:00 a.m. to offer thanks to God for all the blessings generously poured forth upon us.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY: The Rectory Offices at both churches will be closed Thurs., Nov. 27 and Fri., Nov. 28, in observance of the holiday. There will be no Mass on Fri., Nov. 28.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS: Any candle requests or bulletin submissions must be received in the church office by 12:30 p.m. on Mondays to be included on the weekend bulletin. Holidays will require earlier submission dates, so please order your holiday candles early.

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

THANK YOU: To those who donated to the Halloween Tents and Treats Celebration for our children.

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. Thank you.

The following parishioners have volunteered to be CCD Catechists: Mrs. D'Arcy (Dee) Werner, Kindergarten; Mrs. Joann Schultz, Grade 1; Mrs. Erin Frank, Grade 2, Mrs. Kathleen Rusak, Grade 3; Mrs. Rachel Young, Grade 4; Mrs. Donna Ranieli, Grade 5; Mr. Donald Kane, Grade 6; Mr. Kevin Hooper, Grade 7 and Mrs. Michele Casey, Grade 8.

SAVE IMPORTANT 2026 DATES:

FIRST PENANCE: Saturday, January 24 at 11:00 a.m.

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

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

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

THANK YOU: To those who donated to the Children's Halloween Party.

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. Thank you.

The following parishioners have volunteered to be CCD Catechists: Alaina Lutz, Grades K &1; Judy Flaherty, Grade 2; Kristi Gibson, Grades 3 & 4; Nicholas Lutz, Grades 5 & 6; Peter Bonczewski, Grades 7 & 8. Substitutes are Traci Bradshaw, Cheryl Gibson, Helene Skopek-Krygier and Teacher's Aide Patrick Bradshaw.

SAVE IMPORTANT 2026 DATES:

FIRST PENANCE: Saturday, 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.

VETERANS' PROJECT AT ST. LEO: The St. Vincent De Paul Society and our Confirmation candidates thank all those who participate in the annual "personal items drive" for the veterans who reside at the VA facility in Wilkes-Barre. Your generosity and appreciation for their service have made their lives better and happier.

ST. ANDREW OUTSIDE FOOD PANTRY: Please help us keep our outside food pantry filled. With cuts in the federal and state budgets, people need food more than ever. Our parish can help by filling our outside food pantry located on the parking lot side of the church. If the pantry box is full, food can be left at the back door of the rectory. You can make a difference in a family's life. Thank you for your help.

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	11/10	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Deborah Kus	Her Mom
Tuesday	11/11	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Joseph Ferreira	The Family
Wednesday	11/12	No Mass		
Thursday	11/13	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Helen Folek	The Family
Friday	11/14	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	R.J. Youngblood	Judy
Saturday	11/15	4:00 p.m. (St. Leo)	Theresa Woydzick	Her Mom, Frances Gutosky
		5:30 p.m. (St. Andrew)	Maureen Horne Irene Polchin	Leon Charnesky & Family Mary & Steve Yenchak
Sunday	11/16	8:30 a.m. (St. Leo)	Stella Jackiel	John Jr. & Elaine
		11:00a.m. (St. Andrew)	Hubert McGovern	Family

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Loving Memory of Thomas & Cecilia McGovern by the McGovern & Galardi Families; In Loving Memory of John Thieman by Clyde Harvey; For Deceased Members of St. Leo the Great Knights of Columbus.
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. ANDREW): For the Health & Healing of John Ostrum by Family.
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 Joe, Dee and Mark Kuharcik by Aunt Millie's Family; In Loving Memory of Thomas Engle, Sr. by His Wife, Mary; In Memory of Rose Thompson by Gary Burczy & Carole Kneal.
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 Tom Woods by His Wife.
A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Loving Memory of Jim Londergan by His Wife, Francie; In Memory of Frank & Irene Drazba by Their Daughter; In Loving Memory of Bill Galardi by Wife, Nancy & Sons; In Memory of Brothers Tom, Ted & Jack McGovern by Brother, Jim.
A SAINT JOSEPH CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. ANDREW): For Health & Healing of John Ostrum.

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. LEO ADULT FAITH FORMATION: Current Bible Study is **Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled.** We meet on Mondays in St. Leo Church Hall from 1 - 2:30 p.m. Final dates are: 11/10 & 11/17.
ST. ANDREW PARISH OCIA: Preparation for joining the Catholic Church takes place on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in St. Andrew Rectory.
BANNS OF MARRIAGE: Are announced for the 1st time for Eric Davis & Kathryn Gavlick who will be married on Friday, December 5 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Leo the Great Church. May God Bless them.

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.

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, 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 Reinninger, The Reynolds, Bob Roddy, Cleo Rosemond, 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, 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, James A. Casterline, Anna Mary McHugh and Rose Mary Pilch. If you know someone who is ill or needs our prayers, call the Rectory of St. Leo or St. Andrew.

HOLY REDEEMER MUSICAL: Holy Redeemer students will present *Spongebob Square Pants the Musical* on Friday & Saturday, November 21 & 22, at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Redeemer, 159 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701. Adults: $10, Seniors: $9 and Students $8. All Are Welcome!

CALLING ALL KNITTERS & CROCHETERS: We would like to start a St. Andrew/St. Leo knitting & crocheting group. Would you be interested in meeting to make items for those in need (homeless, nursing home residents, homebound, etc.)? We will meet regularly at a time/day convenient to all, if possible. Contact Kathy Smith at (570) 954-0605 or St. Andrew rectory (570) 823-1948 if interested.

ST. ANDREW - HOLIDAY PROJECTS FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: We are collecting new and gently used coats. Help us decorate our Giving Tree with new warm winter accessories such as hats, scarves, gloves & socks. Donations will be accepted now through December 7th. Thank you.

ST. ANDREW - CALLING ALL SANTA'S HELPERS: St. Andrew Parish is collecting toys for Toys for Tots, now through December 7th. You can place a new, unwrapped toy at the altar to help make Christmas brighter for a child. Thank you for your support with this project.

ST. ANDREW MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 8, 5:30 p.m.: Lector: Kim Stepanski; Extraordinary Minister: Margaret Sharksnas; Altar Server: Callie Drutchal, Helene Skopek-Krygier.

Sunday, November 9, 11:00 a.m.: Lector: Kristi Gibson, Amin Skibinski; Extraordinary Minister: Cheryl Gibson; Altar Server: Harley Dunbar, Thomas Dunbar, Colleen Jorda.

Saturday, November 15, 5:30 p.m.: Lector: Steve Yenchak; Extraordinary Minister: Maryellen Sloat; Altar Server: Mia Ashton.

Sunday, November 16, 11:00 a.m.: Lector: Patrick Bradshaw; Extraordinary Minister: Nick Lutz; Altar Server: Josh Kioske, Helen Skopek-Krygier.

ASHLEY FOOD PANTRY

For clients residing in the 18706 zip code

Open: Thursday, November 13
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Items in special need for November
Turkey Stuffing / Gravy

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
11/2/2025

St. Leo: $7,094.00 St. Andrew: $2,503.76

Care of Priests: $681.00 2nd Collection: $430.00