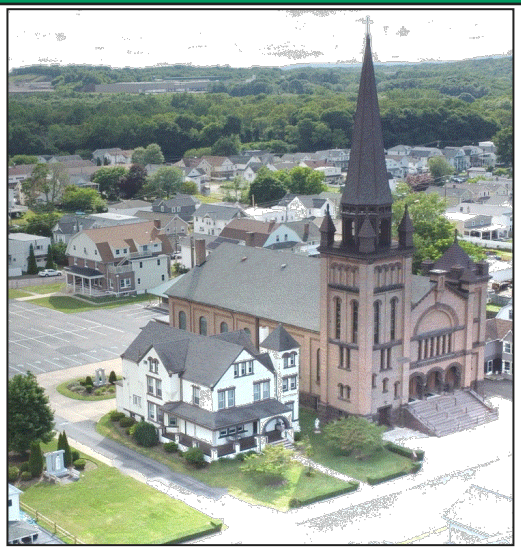
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 23, 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 & 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	Administrative Asst:	Helene Skopek-Krygier
Director of Music:	Robert Passetti	Director of Music:	Jeff Papciak
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Office Hours:	Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Office Hours:	Mon, Tue, Thurs & Fri 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Readings for Sunday, November 30, 2025

First Reading: O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord! (Isa 2:5)
Psalm: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. (Ps 122)
Second Reading: You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. (Rom 13:11)
Gospel: "So, too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come. (Mt 24:44)

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 $13,917 to date. Goal for St. Andrew - $19,248 and to date we have raised $4,875. Thank you for your support!

THANKSGIVING MASS - THURS., NOV. 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 Thursday, Nov. 27 and Friday, Nov. 28, in observance of the holiday.

NO MASSES: Friday, Nov. 28; Tues. Dec. 2; Wed. Dec. 3 and Thurs. Dec. 4. Thank you.

NO CCD CLASSES: At both parishes Sun; Nov. 30 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

ST. LEO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING: Tuesday, Nov. 25 at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. All members are urged to attend.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE: Are announced for the 3rd 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.

U.S. BISHOPS ISSUE "SPECIAL MESSAGE" ON IMMIGRATION:

"To our immigrant brothers and sisters, we stand with you in your suffering, since, when one member suffers, all suffer (cf. 1 Cor 12:26). You are not alone!

"We note with gratitude that so many of our clergy, consecrated religious, and lay faithful already accompany and assist immigrants in meeting their basic human needs. We urge all people of good will to continue and expand such efforts.

"We oppose the indiscriminate mass deportation of people. We pray for an end to dehumanizing rhetoric and violence, whether directed at immigrants or at law enforcement. We pray that the Lord may guide the leaders of our nation, and we are grateful for past and present opportunities to dialogue with public and elected officials. In this dialogue, we will continue to advocate for meaningful immigration reform."

As disciples of the Lord, we remain men and women of hope, and hope does not disappoint! (cf. Rom 5:5)

May the mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe enfold us all in her maternal and loving care and draw us ever closer to the heart of Christ.

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. Thank you.
CHILDREN'S MASS: Sun., Nov.23 at 8:30 a.m., please bring your children to participate.

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.
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. Thank you.

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. Thank you.

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.
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. Thank you.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: We celebrate the patronal day of the United States, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We believe that she herself was free from the stain of sin from the moment of her conception. Mary is the perfect Advent model for us. As we imitate her faithfulness, we say "yes" to God's invitation to bring Christ to the world. Mass is Monday, December 8 at 8 a.m. at St. Leo the Great Church and at 5:15 p.m. at St. Andrew. Please come to honor our Blessed Virgin Mary.
ST. ANDREW CHRISTMAS CARDS: Several CCD classes are making Christmas cards to send to parishioners who cannot join us during the holiday season. We are starting with those who receive the bulletin by mail. If you have someone to add to our list, please drop a note in the collection basket or contact the rectory office at 570-823-1948. Names must be received by November 30.
REMEMBERING ST. LEO HOMEBOUND: The Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society & the Holy Name Society will offer a candle for homebound parishioners at Christmas. If you know a parishioner who cannot make mass due to ill health or age please call the Rectory by Mon., Dec. 15. Thank you.
ST. LEO GIVING TREE: Is in the Sanctuary until Sun., 12/14. Your generosity allows us to provide gifts for infants - 17 years old whose parents/guardians are clients of the Ashley Area Food Pantry and who have pre-registered them for the gift distribution. Please take an ornament from the tree, tape the ornament on your UNWRAPPED gift and place it under the tree by the end of the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Dec. 14. Gifts will be distributed later that afternoon according to a pre-determined schedule. Any leftover/uncollected items will be delivered to the "Toys for Tots". Additional ornaments will suggest items such as men's/women's undergarments, socks, sweats & sweaters to help those in need. These UNWRAPPED items should also be placed under the tree and will be delivered to the appropriate social-service agencies. Thank you for your kindness.
ST. VINCENT DEPAUL LOTTERY TICKET SALE: Looking for small Christmas gifts or stocking stuffers? Love playing the odds? Then, take a chance! Sales from Nov. 29 - Jan. 31. Tickets cost $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 2/28/2006, that ticket holder wins $5,000. Proceeds from the lottery sale will allow the Society to continue its support of our Food Pantry, parish projects and local charities. **FOR FURTHER DETAILS OR TO ORDER TICKETS: Please call Christine Casey at (570) 262-5008.**
HOLY NAME SOCIETY PIEROGIE SALE: Pierogies from Polish Connection. Potato-cheese or Cabbage are being sold and are each $10.00/frozen dozen. Sales will take place in the Church vestibule the weekends of Dec. 6/7 & 13/14. Payment due at time of ordering. **All Pick ups: Sat./Sun. Dec. 20 & 21 after Masses.** Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK AT ST. LEO & ST. ANDREW				
Monday	11/24	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Latishon & Zielinski Families	John Latishon
Tuesday	11/25	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	George & Rose Mary Strish	Family
Wednesday	11/26	No Mass		
Thursday Thanksgiving	11/27	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	For God's Blessings	
Friday	11/28	No Mass		
Saturday	11/29	4:00 p.m. (St. Leo)	Nicholas J. Gushka	Family
		5:30 p.m. (St. Andrew)	Patricia Bogumil	Ray & Susan Miller
Sunday	11/30	8:30 a.m. (St. Leo)	Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society	Holy Name Society Members
		11:00a.m. (St. Andrew)	Joseph Soboleski	Family

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Memory of Zach Kollar by his Grandparents, Dorothy & Dominick Ferro; In Loving Memory of the Deceased Members of the McGovern & Galardi Families by Nancy Galardi; In Loving Memory of Bill Galardi by Wife, Nancy & Sons; In Loving Memory of Deceased Family & Friends of the McCann & Oravic Families; In Loving Memory of John Kuklewicz, Jr. by Wife, Mary.
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. ANDREW): In Memory of Joseph Pachucki by Family.
A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Loving Memory of Gramma Frances Boston by the McGovern & Galardi Families; In Memory of Ella Bonjo by the Family; In Memory of Robert Youngblood by Loving Wife, Judy; In Loving Memory of Uncle Bob Beretsky by Aunt Millie's Family; In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Nealon by Family; In Memory of Ellenrose Laufer (sister of Mary Lou Letner) by the Money Counters.
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 Health & Healing of John Ostrum.
A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Loving Memory of Jim Londergan by His Wife, Francie; In Loving Memory of Nick & Dolores McGovern Cuiry by the McGovern & Galardi Families; In Memory of Jack McGovern by His Family; In Memory of Jack & Nancy McGovern by Their Family; In Memory of Bill Vancosky by Wife, Ann Marie; In Loving Memory of Henry Ostrowski by Aunt Millie's Family.
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. ANDREW PARISH OCIA: Preparation for joining the Catholic Church takes place on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in St. Andrew Rectory.
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.
ST. ANDREW 2026 CHURCH CALENDARS: Courtesy of Lehman Family Funeral Service are at all entrances. Thank you to the Lehman family for providing our church calendars. May God Bless them for their generosity to our parish.
ST. LEO 2026 CHURCH CALENDARS: Courtesy of Lehman Family Funeral Service and George A. Strish Funeral Home are at all entrances. Thank you to the Lehman and Strish families for providing our church calendars. May God Bless them for their generosity to our parish.
SAFETY REMINDER: Please lock your car while attending Mass.
ST. ANDREW WREATH PICK-UP: May be picked up Sun., Nov. 30 in the church basement from 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. Wreaths can also be picked up a the LPSCU office at 71 S. Washington St., Wilkes-Barre from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
THANK YOU: For answering the call to give to the Campaign for Human Development last weekend. May God bless you abundantly for your generosity.

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. If you know someone who is ill or needs our prayers, call the Rectory of St. Leo or St. Andrew.

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 accepted now through Dec. 7. Thank you.

ST. ANDREW - CALLING ALL SANTA'S HELPERS: We are collecting for Toys for Tots, now through Dec. 7. 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 OUTSIDE FOOD PANTRY: With cuts in the federal and state budgets, people need food more than ever. Please help by filling our outside food pantry on the parking lot side of the church. If the box is full, food can be left at the back door of the rectory. You can make a difference. Thank you.

ST. ANDREW MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, Nov. 22, 5:30 p.m.: Lector: Steve Yenchak; Extraordinary Minister: Mary Ashton; Altar Server: Pete Bonczewski.

Sunday, Nov. 23, 11:00 a.m.: Lector: Yanitsa Gonzalez, Mike Kelly; Extraordinary Minister: Lori Shovlin; Altar Server: Joshua Gonzalez; Xander Commiso.

Saturday, Nov. 29, 5:30 p.m.: Lector: Kim Stepanski; Extraordinary Minister: Mesa Ashton; Altar Server: Mia Ashton.

Sunday, Nov. 30, 11:00 a.m.: Lector: Ken Yanora; Extraordinary Minister: Colleen Yanora; Altar Server: Amelia Good, Abrielle Good, Helene Skopek-Krygier.

ASHLEY FOOD PANTRY

For clients residing in the 18706 zip code

Open: Thursday, December 8
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
11/16/2025

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