THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 25, 2026

ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH

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

33 Manhattan Street
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Phone: (570) 825-6669

ST. ANDREW PARISH

316 Parrish Street
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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

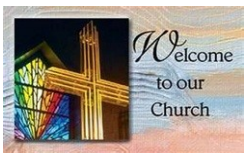
WEEKEND	**Saturday 4:00 p.m. (St. Leo), 5:30 p.m. (St. Andrew)**
	Sunday 8:30 a.m. (St. Leo), 11:00 a.m. (St. Andrew)
WEEKDAYS	**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday 8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)**
HOLY DAYS	**(Vigil) 5:15 p.m. (St. Leo), (Day) 8:00 a.m. (St. Leo), 5:15 p.m. (St. Andrew)**

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	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, February 1, 2026

First Reading: But I will leave as a remnant in your midst a people humble and lowly. (Zep 3:12)
Psalm: Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! (Ps 146)
Second Reading: Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong. (1 Cor 1:27)
Gospel: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:3)

ST. NICHOLAS-ST. MARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: Are you looking for a great school for your child? St. Nicholas-St. Mary School is just the place! Join us at our **OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, January 25 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.** We serve all of Luzerne County: Pre-K for ages 3 & 4, and Kindergarten through 8th grade. We are located at 242 S. Washington St., Wilkes-Barre. Join us or call (570) 823-8089 for more information.

ST. LEO HOLY NAME SOCIETY ANNUAL "SOUPER BOWL" CANNED SOUP DRIVE: The Society is collecting canned soups. Any brand, any flavor! Collection boxes will be in St. Leo's vestibule and at side entrances until Super Bowl Weekend (Feb. 7/8). All soups go to the Ashley Food Pantry.

ST. LEO LOTTERY TICKETS: The St. Vincent DePaul Society is running its annual lottery until Jan. 31. Tickets are $5, with 2 numbers for the 7:00 p.m. PA lottery drawing for February 2026. Daily winner $25; weekend winner $50; Valentine's Day winner $100. If the same number is pulled on Valentine's Day and Feb. 28, that ticket holder wins $5000. To order tickets, please call Christine Casey at (570) 262-5008. Thank you for your participation.

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY: Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish is exploring the creation of a Mental Health Ministry, a faith-based way to offer support and networking opportunities to our community members who may know of others or identify themselves with mental health challenges. We hope to collaborate with our sister parishes and other local individuals and organizations. Please let us know if you have an interest in helping develop this ministry by contacting Todd Hastings at thastings229@gmail.com or (570) 262-4087.

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend, January 24 & 25 is for the Catholic Church in Latin America. Please be generous. Thank you and may God bless you.

ST. LEO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING: Tuesday, January 27 at 6:00 p.m. in the church hall.

ST. LEO SUMMER FESTIVAL MEETING: First meeting will take place on Monday, February 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the church hall.

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.

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.

SAVE IMPORTANT 2026 DATES

FIRST PENANCE: Saturday, Jan. 24 at 11 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

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.

SAVE IMPORTANT 2026 DATES

FIRST PENANCE: Sat., 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.

ST. LEO FIRST PENANCE CLASS: ***Emersyn Blaser, Lucy Frank, Angelina Giannelli, Madelyn Grant, Mason Lehman, Ethan Roberts, Vienna Senczakowicz, Madilyn Simonovich and Joshua Turinski.*** Please pray for these children who received the Sacrament of Penance for the first time on Saturday, January 24.

ST. ANDREW FIRST PENANCE CLASS: ***Olivia Cichy, Alianna Zyrene Paraiso, Allison Marie Paraiso, Alexander Rivera and Melissa Sebolka.*** Please pray for these children as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Penance on Saturday, February 7.

MEMORIAL OF ST. BLAISE/BLESSING OF THROATS: Tuesday, February 3 is the Memorial of St. Blaise. The traditional blessing of throats will take place during the weekend Masses of January 31 and February 1. Please come to receive your blessing.

ST. ANDREW FIRST PENANCE PRACTICE: Thursday, February 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the Church.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK: In observance of World Day of the Sick, anointing of the sick will take place after all Masses the weekend of February 7 & 8.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY: In observance of World Marriage Day, there will be a renewal of marriage vows during all week-end Masses, February 14 & 15. Couples should attend Mass together so you can renew your marriage vows and receive your blessing.

COLD/FLU SEASON: We ask those feeling sick or vulnerable because of their age or underlying medical conditions to stay home. Live streaming Masses are 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 the primary concern of ours. Please use your discretion if you choose to send your children to CCD in inclement weather.

TAX STATEMENTS: Itemized statements of contributions for tax purposes will be issued to any parishioner requesting one. Thank you.

ST. ANDREW MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 24, 5:30 p.m.: Lector: Kim Stepanski; Extraordinary Minister: Margaret Sharksnas; Altar Server: Helene Skopek-Krygier.

Sunday, January 25, 11:00 a.m.: Lectors: Megan Bradshaw; Patrick Bradshaw; Extraordinary Minister: Nick Lutz; Altar Servers: Harley Dunbar, Thomas Dunbar, Colleen Jorda.

Saturday, January 31, 5:30 p.m.: Lector: Steve Yenchak; Extraordinary Minister: Mary Ashton; Altar Server: Mia Ashton.

Sunday, February 1, 11:00 a.m.: Lectors: Yanitsa Gonzales, Mike Kelly; Extraordinary Minister: Lori Shovlin; Altar Servers: Joshua Gonzales, Xander Commiso.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK AT ST. LEO & ST. ANDREW				
Monday	01/26	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Lillian Sokoloski	Fran Romanowski
Tuesday	01/27	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Lisa Urbanski	Catherine Sunday
Wednesday	01/28	No Mass		
Thursday	01/29	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Jim Londergan	Francie
Friday	01/30	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Frank Stanick	Bob & Brittany Baker
Saturday	01/31	4:00 p.m. (St. Leo)	Raymond Ostrowski	Family
		5:30 p.m. (St. Andrew)	Leona Konopka	Jen Aubrey
Sunday	02/01	8:30 a.m. (St. Leo)	John Lukas	Wife, Debbie
		11:00a.m. (St. Andrew)	Lillian & Thomas Flannery	Patricia Flannery Yanora

A SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Memory of Zach Kollar by his Grandparents Dorothy & Dominick Ferro; In Loving Memory of Cecilia McGovern by the Galardi & McGovern Families.
A SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. ANDREW): For Health & Healing of John Ostrum.
A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Memory of Dolores Loughnane by Mary Kay Pettinger; In Memory of Leo & Janice Daney by Norene Bradshaw; For Health, Healing and Blessings of Bonnie Balakier by Friend, Theresa.
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.
A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Loving Memory of Jim Londergan by His Wife, Francie.
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.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL: Please consider making a gift. Goal for St. Leo - $42,544. We have raised $16,192 to date. Goal for St. Andrew - $19,248 and to date we have raised $6,075.
Thank you for your support!

ASH WEDNESDAY POTATO PANCAKE SALE: A potato pancake and Lenten food sale will be held at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 215 Lackawanna Ave, Dupont, on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Homemade potato pancakes, pierogi, haluski and soups will be offered. $20 per dozen for the potato pancakes.

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: Karen Alber, 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, David Fisher, Jean Flanley, Irene Friel, Regina Fillman, Catherine Gallagher, Carolyn Gaughen, Pam Gibson, Mary Ann Gildea, Denise Gillis, Roslyn Glynn, Daniel Gold, Thomas Gorman, Quinn Gorman, Dolores Grazio, Raymond Griffin, Molly Griffiths, Pam Grimes, 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, Martha Kush, 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, Barbara Mazur, Lauren McDonald, Jillian Meehan, Debbie Mellas, Jesse Mendoza, Mary Ann Mihneski, 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 Family, 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, Joseph Svetz, Charlotte Thomas, Jim Thomas, Justin Thompson, Bonnie Usmail, Rose Wallace, George Warman, Elaine Warman, Barbara Wasilewski, Bob Weidow, Jean Wiernusz, Cameron Wilson, Mary Wisniewski, Maria Wujik, Joseph Yedlock, Patty Zukoski and the faithful departed especially Janet Smurl Dilworth. If you know someone ill or who needs prayers, call the Rectory of St. Leo or St. Andrew.

EMAIL/TEXT SCAMS: Father Dang **will not** contact you asking for money or gift cards. Thank you.
KEEP YOUR CAR DOORS LOCKED: When attending Mass, please keep your car doors locked and valuables out of sight.
ST. ANDREW KNITTERS & CROCHETERS: Meet on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Andrew Rectory. Please use the back door to avoid the steps. Parking is available at the back of the church and in the rectory driveway. All are welcome!
ST. LEO ADULT FAITH FORMATION: Our "Spring Semester" of Bible Study started. The study is **Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom** and Fr. Joseph Kakareka is leading us. Cost for the workbook is $40. Meeting dates: 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16. 2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, and 4/13 from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Please call Mary Anne Malone (570) 709-4963 if interested or with questions. All are welcome!
ANNOUNCEMENTS IN BULLETIN: Attention societies and organizations, if you would like to place an announcement in the bulletin, the deadline is Tuesday morning before 10:00 a.m.. Thank you.
FREE PROGRAM AT KING'S COLLEGE "THE ORGAN AND CATHOLIC LITURGY" At the George & Giovita Maffei Family Commons, 29 W. North Street, W-B, on Mon., Feb. 9 at 7:00 p.m. Presenter will be Fr. Michael B. Wurtz, C.S.C., S.L.D., Assistant Professor of Theology at King's College. A light reception will follow.

ASHLEY FOOD PANTRY

For clients residing in the 18706 zip code

Open: Thursday, February 12, 2026
10:00 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.
(2 Corinthians 9:7)

Weekly Collection
1/18/2026

Due to publication deadlines, weekly collection amounts may not always be published.