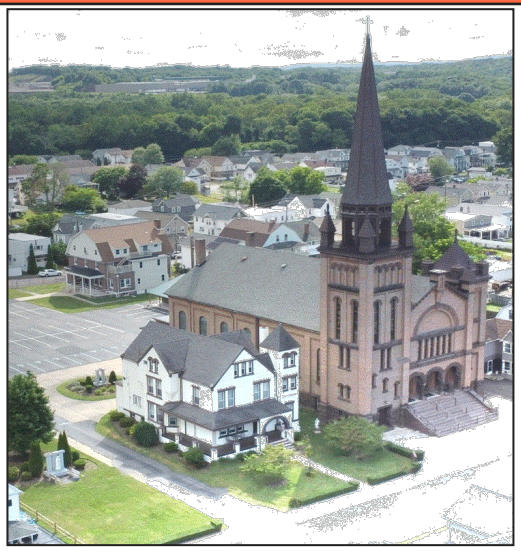
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
MARCH 29, 2026



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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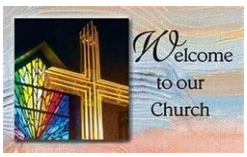
ST. LEO THE GREAT & ST. ANDREW MASS SCHEDULE

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
Director of Music:	Robert Passetti
Director of Religious Ed:	Michele Casey
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Administrative Asst:	Helene Skopek-Krygier
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Web Site:	standrewwilkesbarre.org
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Office Hours:	Mon, Tue, Thurs & Fri 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Readings for Sunday, April 5, 2026

First Reading: To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:43)
Psalm: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Psalm 118)
Second Reading: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Colossians 3:1)
Gospel: Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. (John 10:1)

LENTEN REGULATIONS: Fasting: All faithful ages 18 - 59 fast on Good Friday. **Abstinence:** Catholics age 14 and older abstain from meat on Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. **Easter Duty Obligation:** After receiving First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation to receive Communion at least once a year during the Easter Season.
CONFESSIONS: Last confession at St. Leo Church before Easter is Monday, March 30 from 5 - 6 p.m.
CLEANING THE CHURCH FOR EASTER: Tuesday, March 31 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Please come if you are able to help. Thank you and may God bless you.
CHRISM MASS: Tuesday, March 31at 4:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Peter, Scranton.
CYRENIANS' SEDER SUPPER: Wed., April 1 at 6 p.m. in St. Leo Church Hall. Reservations required. RSVP by Mon., Mar. 30. Rectory (570) 825-6669 or Jackie (570) 823-6633. It is a covered dish supper, so give the number in your party and what dish you will bring. Please bring you own drinks. NO DESSERTS please. Items needed: Salmon, Fish, Sausage & Peppers, Swedish Meatballs, Turkey, Charcuterie Meats & Cheese, Broccoli Salad, American Pierogie, Ziti, Lasagna, Broccoli & Shells, Haluski, Potatoes & Vegetables. All St. Leo/St. Andrew parishioners, their family & friends welcome.
NO 8:00 A.M. MASS: Thursday, April 2 and Friday, April 3 at St. Leo Church.
OFFICES CLOSED: Friday, April 3 in observance of Good Friday.
SATURDAY, APRIL 4: NO 3:30 P.M. CONFESSIONS; NO 4:00 P.M. MASS AT ST. LEO AND NO 5:00 P.M. CONFESSIONS AND NO 5:30 P.M. MASS AT ST. ANDREW.
EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE: April 2, Holy Thursday, The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 p.m. at St. Leo **and** St. Andrew; April 3, Good Friday Service at 2 p.m. at St. Leo **and** St. Andrew; Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil at 8 p.m. at St. Leo **and** St. Andrew and April 5, Easter Sunday Masses at 8:30 a.m. (St. Leo) and 11 a.m. (St. Andrew). Blessing of the Easter Food Baskets, Saturday, April 4 at 1 p.m. at St. Andrew and 2 p.m. at St. Leo. Please come to celebrate the Easter Triduum.
WASHING OF FEET: 4 more volunteers are needed at St. Andrew on Holy Thursday, April 2 at the 7 p.m. Mass. All are welcome to participate, including children. Please see Fr. Dang or call St. Andrew Rectory (570) 823-1948. Thank you to the 12 St. Leo volunteers. May God bless you always.
BUS TRIP PILGRIMAGE: To the National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto, PA on Sat., May 9; sponsored by St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Knights of Columbus. Cost $65/person, includes bus, lunch at Centre, beverages & snacks on bus. Leave Swoyersville at 7:30am, return at 6:00pm. For more info, call Mark 570-262-2896 or check our Facebook or setonpa.com.
FATHER JOSEPH LONG, C.S.C.: For those wanting to reach out to Father Long for the Easter celebration, his address is St. Joseph's Center, 495 Maple Lane, Valatie, NY 12184.

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.

NO CCD CLASSES ON EASTER SUNDAY (APRIL 5)

SAVE IMPORTANT 2026 DATES

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.

NO CCD CLASSES ON EASTER SUNDAY (APRIL 5)

SAVE IMPORTANT 2026 DATES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & MAY CROWNING: Sunday, May 3 at 11:00 a.m.
CONFIRMATION: Sun., May 17 at 11:00 a.m.

2026 ST. LEO the GREAT PARISH SUMMER FESTIVAL

Friday, June 26 (6 - 11 p.m.) & Saturday, June 27 (5 - 10 p.m.)

HELP NEEDED: We need as much HELP as possible to make Piggies & Pierogies. Please help if you can! Thank you.
PIGGIE MAKING: Thursday, April 9 (8:30 a.m.), Friday April 10 (8:30 a.m.) and Saturday, April 11 (8:30 a.m.)
PIEROGIE MAKING: Friday, May 8 (1:00 p.m.), Saturday, May 9 (8:30 a.m.), Friday, May 29 (1:00 p.m.) and Saturday, May 30 (8:30 a.m.)
FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED FOR PIEROGIES: Gold Medal Flour & Cooper Cheese. Thank you!
NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.

ST. ANDREW EASTER BASKET RAFFLE: Chances: $2 each or 3/$5 before and after Masses in the vestibule or in the church office until March 29. Two baskets will be raffled off: one milk chocolate, and one milk/dark chocolate. This is the last weekend to purchase your raffle tickets. Winners will be drawn on Sunday, March 29 following the 11:00 a.m. Mass.
CONCERT: Friday, April 17 at 7:30 p.m. by the Marywood University Chamber Singers under the direction of Dr. Rick Hoffenburg at Cathedral of St. Peter 315 Wyoming Ave. Scranton.
ATTENTION ST. LEO EMHC's, LECTORS & YOUTH ALTAR SERVERS: The schedule for 4/2 to 4/26 is ready to be picked up in the Sacristy. Please get a replacement if you can't serve and notify Toni at (570) 868-8215, email: alrisc@hotmail.com or text (570) 706-0160 with special requests or if you can no longer serve. Thank you for serving our parish.
THANK YOU: The St. Andrew Paschal Candle was donated by Steve & Mary Yenchak in memory of Edward & Irene Polchin, Stephen J. Yenchak, and the deceased members of the Wizda, Yenchak, Matsko & Machons families. Thank you for your generosity.
CONGRATULATIONS: To the newest member of St. Leo. Benjamin Michael Padden son of Erin Padden who was baptized on Sun., March 22. May God Bless him.

ST. ANDREW MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 28, 5:30 p.m.: Lectors: Pete Bonczewski, Kim Stepanski, Karen Grula; E.M.: Mary Ashton; Altar Servers: Helene.
Sunday, March 29, 11:00 a.m.: Lectors: Kathy Smith, Kristi Gibson, Amin Skibinski; E.M.: Cheryl Gibson; Altar Servers: Xander Commiso, Nick Lutz.
Sunday, April 5, 11:00 a.m.: Lector: Ken Yanora; E.M.'s: Colleen Yanora, Judy Flaherty; Altar Servers: Amelia Good, Abrielle Good, Helene.

Please refer to your e-mailed schedule for the Holy Week schedule.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK AT ST. LEO & ST. ANDREW				
Monday	03/30	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Victoria Sheehan	Don & Luann Bly
Tuesday	03/31	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Phillip Gorham	Jack & Eileen Boyle
Wednesday	04/01	No Mass		
Thursday *Holy Thursday*	04/02	7:00 p.m. (St. Leo)	For Our Parishioners	
		7:00 p.m. (St. Andrew)	For Our Parishioners	
Friday *Good Friday Service*	04/03	2:00 p.m. (St. Leo)	For Our Parishioners	
		2:00 p.m. (St. Andrew)	For Our Parishioners	
Saturday *Easter Vigil*	04/04	8:00 p.m. (St. Leo)	For Our Parishioners	
		8:00 p.m. (St. Andrew)	For Our Parishioners	
Sunday *Easter Sunday*	04/05	8:30 a.m. (St. Leo)	For Our Parishioners & Those Listed on the Flower Envelopes	
		11:00a.m. (St. Andrew)	For Our Parishioners	

A SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Memory of Zach Kollar by his Grandparents, Dorothy & Dominick Ferro.
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 Cathy Nesler by Mollie & Ken Jones; In Memory of Pamela Masaniello by the Bliss Family.
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 Karen Grula by a Friend.
A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Memory of Cathy Nesler by John Walsh; In Loving Memory of Jim Londergan by his Wife, Francie; In Memory of John Long by Mark Kane; In Memory of John Long by Roseann Polak.
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 $39,682 to date. Goal for St. Andrew - $19,248 and to date we have raised $11,460. Thank you!
ST. ANDREW USED BOOK, BAKE & PUZZLE SALE: Sat., April 25 (1:00 - 7:00pm) and Sun., April 26 (11:30am - 3:30pm). Donations of gently used books and puzzles will be accepted until the day of the sale. Please drop off donations in the box in the church vestibule or at the rectory during office hours. Thank you!
SPAGHETTI DINNER: Sponsored by the Huber Breaker Preservation Society Sat., April 18 in St. Leo Church Hall from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Eat In or Take Out. Tickets are $13.00. Dinner includes Salad, Spaghetti & Meatballs. Walk-ins will be limited. Contact Don Kane (570) 824-3499 for tickets.

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.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Keighlyn Alber, Susie Ambrose, William Andahazy, Eugene Antos, Bonnie Balakier, Fred Balester, Bailey Barnds, Alice Battista, Terri Belanchik, Dorothy Belardinelli, 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, Lenny Carsillo, 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, 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, Helen Gist, 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, Jody, 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, Pamela Masaniello, Richard Masaniello, 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, Julie Olenak, John Ostrum, Infant William Owen, Christine Owens, John Pac, Maria Parra, Janet Peake, Eileen Phillips, Laurie Phillips, Dennis Pisano, Brian Pollick, Margaret Prestas, David Pudlosky, Dan R., Benjamin Rae, Ray Raykovitz, Michael Ralston, Tom Ralston, Bobby Ramage, Donna Ransom, Marie Lu Reinninger, Ron Reudink, Barbara Reudink, Justin Reudink, The Reynolds Family, Cleo Rosemond, Libby Rush, Florence Ryder, Marie Saltz, Nick Santana, Josh Schlegel, Maddox Sebastian, Michael Sedon, Joyce Seiger, Helen Semanski, Theresa Shrader, Cynthia Sickler, Margaret Sipple, Ed Sivelly, Neil Smith, Tom Smith, Frank Sorokach, Joyce Squerciati, Jeff Statkiewicz, Nico Stavish, Tony Straka, Ayden Swantek, Charlotte Thomas, Jim Thomas, Justin Thompson, Hortencia Torres, Rose Wallace, George Warman, Elaine Warman, Barbara Wasilewski, Bob Weidow, Jean Wiernusz, Cameron Wilson, Mary Wisniewski, Maria Wujik, Patty Zukoski and all the faithful departed. If you know someone who is ill or who needs prayers, call either Rectory.

2026 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will celebrate this special Mass on Sun., June 28 at 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Peter, 315 Wyoming Ave., Scranton. The Mass will include couples celebrating their 10th, 25th, 40th or 50th Wedding Anniversary. Each couple must register by Sun., June 7 at www.dioceseofscranton.org or by phone: (570) 207-2213 x1133.

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON RUMMAGE SALE: Tues., April 13 (9-5pm) & Wed., April 14 (9-3pm) @ 116 Hughes St. Swoyersville. Refreshments and food available. Tues., April 14 is $2/bag day.

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CASH BINGO: Sun., April 26. Doors open 12pm/Bingo 1:00pm. Bake Sale, Door prizes, 50/50 drawing, Basket raffles/Lunch. Tickets: $25 advanced/$30 at door. Seating limit is 250. Ticket sales before/after Masses weekends: 4/11 & 12 & 4/18 & 19.

ST. ANDREW KNITTERS & CROCHETERS: Meet Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory. Please use the back door. Parking is available at the back of the church and in the rectory driveway. All welcome!

ST. ANDREW MONTHLY DUES: Has changed from $5 to $7 per adult per month. Thank you.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: During the weekend of Saturday, April 11 & Sunday, April 12, St. Leo the Great Church will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday with the prayer of the Chaplet of Divine Merrcy during the Mass. If you go to Confession and receive Holy Communion, you shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins.

ASHLEY FOOD PANTRY

For clients residing in the 18706 zip code

Open: Thursday, April 9, 2026
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Items in special need for April:
Egg Noodles

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

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