

ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

A community that is centered in Jesus,
gathers in worship, witnesses the Gospel, and
ministers to the spiritual and material needs
of the people.



Served by:

Rev. Gregory A. Stankus, Pastor
Gregory Dixon, Deacon
Ann Smyth, Director of Religious Education
Rosa Nava Leon, Asst. for Religious Education (Latino's)
Susan Georgini, Coordinator of Parish Ministries
Patricia Corbett, Parish Secretary
Nina Varone, Parish Secretary
Sergio Sandí, Music Director

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 8, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: 9am
(9am Thursdays: Communion Service)
Saturday Vigil: 5pm
Sunday: 9am, 11am and 12:30pm (bilingual)
Holy Days: 9am ONLY

MORNING PRAYER

8:45am

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms In English: Fourth Saturday each month at 2pm (except during Lent and August). To register, call for an appointment at the Parish House to arrange for Baptism. Birth Certificate is required.

Marriage Couples should speak with a priest or deacon at least six months before the desired wedding date.

Confessions Saturdays at 4:30pm or by appointment at the Parish House.

Eucharist for the Homebound Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring communion to the homebound. Call the Parish House to make arrangements.

For emergencies and to make arrangements for sick calls, wakes or funerals, call the Parish House at any time.

SACRAMENTOS

Bautismos En español: El tercer sábado de cada mes a las 2pm (excepto durante la Cuaresma y agosto). Para registrarse, llame para una cita a la Casa Parroquial y organizar el bautismo. Se requiere un certificado de nacimiento.

Matrimonio Las parejas deben hablar con un sacerdote o diácono al menos seis meses antes de la fecha de la boda deseada.

Confesiones Sábados a las 4:30pm o por cita en la Casa Parroquial.

Eucaristía en el Hogar Ministros de la Eucaristía están disponibles para llevar la comunión a los inválidos. Llame a la Casa Parroquial para hacer arreglos.

En caso de emergencia y para hacer los arreglos para visitas a los enfermos, velatorios o funerales, llame a la Casa Parroquial en cualquier momento.

PARISH HOUSE OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday: 9:30am to 4:00pm
Friday: 9:30am to 2pm
Saturday and Sunday: Closed

ALL ARE WELCOME! ¡TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS!

ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE PARISH, BROOKLYN, NY

REFLECTION

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

Once again we hear God's voice proclaiming Jesus as beloved Son, and we hear the command to "listen to him." How well do we listen to Jesus? Do we listen only when we like what he says, or do we listen when his message is much harder to accept? Do we listen when he tells us to love God with all our being, to love our neighbor as ourselves, and, hardest of all, to love our enemies? Do we listen when he says to forgive not seven times, but seventy times seven times (always)? Do we listen when he says to a nation with the largest military budget in the world to put away your sword? Do we listen when he tells us he who is Messiah will have to suffer and die before coming into his glory? Jesus's message is not easy to hear, let alone to follow. Let us at the very least give it a sincere try.

Pax Christi Metro New York!

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Third Sunday of Lent: Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 and John 4:5-42

ON THE CALENDAR

Monday, March 9

7pm Jornada Meeting (KH)

Tuesday, March 10

9:15am ESL Classes (KH)

7pm Dance & Movement Class (KH)

Wednesday, March 11

9:30am Miraculous Medal Novena (CHU)

9:30am Communion & Liberation (CHUU)

6pm Communion & Liberation (PHDR)

Thursday, March 12

9:15am ESL Classes (KH)

9:30am Rosary (CHU)

3:45pm Religious Ed Classes (KH, CHU)

7:30pm Via Crucis (CHU)

Friday, March 13

9:30am Stations of the Cross (CHU)

3:30pm Girl Scout Meetings (KH)

7pm Religious Ed Classes (KH, CHU)

Saturday, March 14

9:30am Rosary (CHU)

10am Religious Ed Classes (KH, CHU)

12pm All day set-up for Reconciliation Retreat (KH)

4:30pm Confessions (CHU)

Sunday, March 15

9:30am Bible Study (PHLR)

10:15am Rosary (CHU)

11am Reconciliation Retreat begins (Mass)

11:45am Reconciliation retreat (KH)

12pm RCIA Meeting (PHLR)

The **St Andrew's Book Club** will resume meeting on Tuesday, March 24 in the Parish House at 7:30pm. All are welcome. The book for March is *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett. The Book Club will continue to meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Parish house at 7:30pm. There are copies of the 2020 Book Club schedule in the Gathering Space.

REFLEXIÓN

"Este es mi Hijo amado, con quien estoy muy complacido; Escúchalo a él."

Una vez más, escuchamos la voz de Dios que proclama a Jesús como su Hijo amado, y escuchamos la orden de "escucharlo". ¿Qué tan bien escuchamos a Jesús? ¿Escuchamos solo cuando nos gusta lo que dice o escuchamos cuando su mensaje es mucho más difícil de aceptar? ¿Escuchamos cuando nos dice que amemos a Dios con todo nuestro ser, que amemos a nuestro prójimo como a nosotros mismos y, lo más difícil de todo, que amemos a nuestros enemigos? ¿Escuchamos cuando dice que perdone no siete veces, sino setenta veces siete (siempre)? ¿Escuchamos cuando le dice a una nación con el presupuesto militar más grande del mundo que guarde su espada? ¿Escuchamos cuando nos dice que quién es el Mesías tendrá que sufrir y morir antes de llegar a su gloria? El mensaje de Jesús no es fácil de escuchar, y mucho menos seguir. Hagamos al menos un intento sincero.

LECTURAS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

Domingo de Cuaresma: Exodus 17:3-7; Salmo 95:1-2, 6-9; Romanos 5:1-2, 5-8; y Juan 4:5-42

A LENTEN LOOK AT THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

This Sunday is the beginning of our reflection and discussion on the Passion of Our Lord, according to Matthew. We are meeting in the Parish house living room after the 9am mass. Our time together promises to be spiritually rewarding as we gain insight and understanding of the events in the life of Jesus from His last Supper through His Crucifixion and burial. You are invited to come and join the conversation.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Each year on Holy Saturday, during the Easter Vigil, thousands are received into the Catholic Church in the United States. Parishes welcome these new Catholics through RCIA.

This year we joyfully welcome *Joshua Helsne*, who has been preparing with catechists at St Andrew's for his journey to the sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Please remember Joshua and his family in your prayers as we journey together through Lent towards the joy of Easter.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GROUP FOOD PANTRY

Your donations to the pantry of non-perishable food is truly appreciated. Please place your donations in the baskets located in the Gathering Spaces. We still need mayonnaise, rice, cans of soup, tuna fish and tomato sauce. The next monthly distribution is on **Wednesday, March 18, from 9:45am to 10:45am**, in Kiernan Hall.

La próxima distribución de comida será el **miércoles, 18 de marzo, de las 9:45am a 10:45am**. La documentación no es necesaria.

MOVIE NIGHT

Come and join the WAY Ministry for our monthly Movie Night on March 21st. Our feature film for March is "The Nun's Story". A young wealthy woman feels her life has no meaning and decides to join a convent of nursing sisters in 1920. Being spoiled all her life, Gaby finds it difficult to adjust to her new life and is always at odds with her mother Superior. Gaby is also struggling with the sacrifices she is asked to make, but in the end realizes that we all face challenges that leave us questioning God's will and path for us. This spiritual film is a perfect way to remember our sacrifices this Lenten Season.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

THANK YOU AND HELP

I am thankful to all of you who have supported the Generations of Faith Campaign. As you know, 40 percent of the monies collected go to support the priests' retirement fund, a tenth goes to support youth ministries throughout the diocese and the remainder is given back to parishes for needed repairs and upgrades.

Our goal is: \$380,000

Our pledges are: \$772,000

Our paid pledges are: \$490,391

AMOUNT RETURNED TO PARISH, as of 2/2020, is:
\$256,096

We have one more year of this campaign and we have \$281,609 in delinquent pledges. Please Pay what you promised! So far with the monies received from this campaign, we have been able to:

- Replace roofs of church and parish house
- Seal and repaint exterior of church
- Replace lighting in church and Kiernan Hall
- Repaint and restore Kiernan hall and church
- Clean church carpets

If you continue to pay up pledges, we hope to:

- Redo kitchen in Kiernan Hall
- Replace front church doors
- Replace cement and brick walkways around church and parish house
- Redo the sacristy
- Consider handicapped access to Kiernan Hall

So you see—we need your continued help so we can do all of this, if you keep honest to your pledges.

God bless us all,

Fr. Greg

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Diocese of Brooklyn has initiated a program for all parishes for a plan to increase the weekly offertory collection (white envelope). Since we are still in the last year of our Generations of Faith Campaign, which did well (Please keep up your pledges so we can continue repairing our property), and since we need soon to start our Annual Catholic Appeal 2020, which has been raised by \$4000 this year, I have written the Bishop to postpone our involvement in the Increased offertory Program until next year. I'll let you know his response. Thank you for your generosity in all these campaigns and appeals—believe me, the monies are well used by our diocese but I know there is a limit to your (and my) generosity. In addition, September 2021 thru June 2022, we will be having celebrations for the 50th Anniversary of our parish. I hope to use that time to promote additional fundraising to assure the future financial security of our parish. All I can do is ask for your continued help and goodness to your parish.

May God bless you all.

Fr Greg

PARISHIONER BEING HONORED AT LUNCHEON

Jane Kelly, a valued parishioner of St Andrew's, is being honored by the Kassenbrock Bros. Memorial Scholarship Fund on Sunday, March 22 at 1pm at the Bay Ridge Manor. Tickets can be purchased from Eleanor Petty, Parish Council member, for \$75. Eleanor can be reached at (718)680-3620

GRACIAS Y AYUDA

Les agradezco a todos su apoyo a la Campaña de las Generaciones de Fe. Como saben, el 40 por ciento del dinero recaudado se destina a financiar el fondo de jubilación de los sacerdotes, una décima parte se destina a los ministerios juveniles en toda la diócesis y el resto se devuelve a las parroquias para las reparaciones y mejoras necesarias. Nuestro objetivo es: \$380,000

Nuestras promesas son: \$772,000

Nuestras promesas pagada son: \$490,391

LA CANTIDAD DEVUELTA A LA PARROQUIA, a partir del 2/2020, es: \$256,096

Tenemos un año más de esta campaña y tenemos \$ 281,609 en compromisos morosos. ¡Por favor pague lo que prometió! Hasta ahora con el dinero recibido de esta campaña, hemos podido:

- Reemplazar los techos de la iglesia y la casa parroquial.
- Sellar y volver a pintar el exterior de la iglesia.
- Reemplazar la iluminación en la iglesia y Kiernan Hall
- Repintar y restaurar la sala y la iglesia de Kiernan Hall
- Limpiar las alfombras de la iglesia

Si continúa pagando su promesa, esperamos:

- Reconstruir la cocina en Kiernan Hall
- Reemplazar las puertas frontales de la iglesia
- Reemplazar los pasillos de cemento y ladrillo alrededor de la iglesia y la casa parroquial
- Reconstruir la sacristía
- Considerar el acceso para discapacitados a Kiernan Hall

Como puede ver, necesitamos su ayuda continua para que podamos hacer todo esto, si cumple con sus promesas.

Dios nos bendiga a todos,

El p. Greg

PARA SU INFORMACIÓN

La Diócesis de Brooklyn ha iniciado un programa para todas las parroquias con la intención de aumentar la colecta semanal del ofertorio (sobre blanco). Dado que todavía estamos en el último año de nuestra Campaña de Generaciones de Fe, que funcionó bien (Por favor, mantenga sus promesas para que podamos continuar reparando nuestra propiedad), y dado que necesitamos comenzar pronto nuestra Campaña Católica Anual 2020, que ha sido aumentada por \$ 4000 este año, he escrito al Obispo para posponer nuestra participación en el Programa de ofertorio aumentado hasta el próximo año. Le dejaré saber su respuesta. Gracias por su generosidad en todas estas campañas y llamamientos, créanme, el dinero es bien utilizado por nuestra diócesis, pero sé que hay un límite para su (y mi) generosidad. Además, de septiembre de 2021 a junio de 2022, tendremos celebraciones por el 50 aniversario de nuestra parroquia. Espero usar ese tiempo para promover la recaudación de fondos adicional para garantizar la seguridad financiera futura de nuestra parroquia. Todo lo que puedo hacer es pedir su continua ayuda y bondad a su parroquia. Que dios los bendiga a todos.

Don Greg

DANCE & MOVEMENT CLASSES

Classes are Tuesday at 7pm in Kiernan Hall. Registration not required. No fees. Bring water and wear comfortable clothing.

Members of the Parish Council / Miembros del Consejo Parroquial — Victor Cabanas, Maryann Coluccio, Maryellen Connolly, Maricela Eumana, Christine Kemp, John Kemp, Pierre Lehu, Annemarie Leyden, Senen Martinez, Maria Guadalupe Morales, Eleanor Petty, Yolanda Perez, Maria Saenz, Lois Seelandt and LaNell Schultheis. To contact any a Parish Council member, please leave a message at the Parish House office or send an email to PPCStAndrews@gmail.com. Para contactar a un miembro del Consejo Parroquial, deje un mensaje en la oficina de Oficina Parroquial, o envíe un correo electrónico a PPCStAndrews@gmail.com.

MARCH 8, 2020

WELCOME

Our parish has been blessed with a new member who was baptized into our church during the month of February. We offer her and her family a loving embrace and pray that Jesus may walk with her and guide her for years to come. St. Andrew's parish joyfully welcomes our newly baptized:

VICTORIA KELLY CRUZ

THANK YOU!

The International Potluck Dinner and Mardi Gras Party was a lot of fun with the delectable variety of homemade ethnic foods, both main dishes and desserts, plus the traditional King Cake! Thank you to all those who came. Photos of those masked and unmasked celebrating Mardi Gras are now available on the parish website. Many thanks to those who gave of their time and energy that afternoon and evening to make the event so successful, especially Maria Alvarez, Carmen Casás, Maryann Coluccio, Donna Flynn, John Kemp, Lena Njeim, Dalia Jiménez, Yolanda Pérez, Julian Figueras, Maria Saenz, Lois Seelandt and Ray Wendt. Also, much appreciation to all who pitched in at the end and got Kiernan Hall back to pre-party condition, including stacking the tables and chairs. When the St. Andrew's parish family gets together, it's awesome!

Parish Life Committee (Chair, Christine Kemp)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

We are most grateful for your support in the **2019 Annual Catholic Appeal**. Our goal was: \$34,316

Pledges paid was: \$40,899

Return to parish was: \$ 6,583

The return from the Catholic Appeal was used to cover normal operating costs of the parish. Please consider increasing your weekly offertory offering so that the income from the catholic appeal can be used to repair what is needed for the parish buildings.

Thank you,
Fr. Greg

P.S. Look forward soon to the 2020 campaign. HELP!! Our appeal goal from the diocese has increased to \$38,238.00. Please help.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

REMEMBER: **Your** attendance at a preparation retreat is mandatory on Saturday, March 28th, 12 Noon to 6pm.

CANDIDATOS DE CONFIRMACION

RECUERDE: Su Asistencia a un retiro de preparacion es **obligatoria** el Sabado 28 de Marzo, 12 del mediodia a 6pm.

**LENTEN REGULATIONS
REGLAMENTOS DE CUARESMA**

Please remember that all Lenten Fridays are days of abstinence (no meat). Please join with all of our brothers and sisters throughout the world in these times of Penance during Lent.

Recuerde que todos los viernes de Cuaresma son días de abstinencia (no se come carne). Por favor únase a todos nuestros hermanos y hermanas de todo el mundo en estos tiempos de Penitencia durante la Cuaresma.

FIRST RECONCILIATION RETREAT AND SERVICE

This is a reminder to all candidates in Spring 2020. Our retreat and service for your child's First Reconciliation will take place on Sunday, March 15th (11am to 2pm) and Saturday March 21st (11:30am to 1pm), respectively. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Smyth 718-680-1010 Extension 20.

**RETIRO Y SERVICIO DE LA PRIMERA
RECONCILIACIÓN**

Este es un recordatorio para todos los candidatos en la primavera de 2020. Nuestro retiro y servicio para la Primera Reconciliación de su hijo tendrá lugar el Domingo 15 de Marzo (11 a.m.- 2p.m.) y el sábado 21 de Marzo (11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.), respectivamente. Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con Ann Smyth 718-680-1010 Extensión 20

**Bread for the World 2020 Offering of Letters
Better Nutrition, Better Tomorrow**

Last year, Bread for the World focused its annual Offering of Letters on global nutrition so that mothers and children could get the foods they need to lead healthy and fulfilling lives. Because of your advocacy, Congress passed legislation to increase global nutrition funding by \$5 million for a total of \$150 million. In 2020, Bread will again focus on nutrition. In addition to continuing our advocacy work around global nutrition, we will also turn our attention to those experiencing hunger in the United States. More than 820 million people in the world were hungry in 2018. Many of the world's children suffer from malnutrition or lack of proper nutrition. Today, 22 percent, or 149 million of the world's children are not growing as they should...49 million under the age of 5.

St. Andrew the Apostle is conducting its Offering of Letters after all the masses during the weekends of March 21-22 and March 28-29. There will be a table in the Gathering Space where volunteers will assist you in signing letters addressed to our representatives in the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives. Please verify which representative's district (Max Rose or Jerrold Nadler) you reside in prior to signing. We need volunteers to assist their fellow parishioners in signing the letters those two weekends. Please contact John Kemp at 917-589-5248 if you wish to help.

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N** **Vesuvio Restaurant and Pizzeria** is a family-oriented restaurant at 7305 3rd Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, 718-745-0222. Vesuvio is participating in a 5% rebate campaign with St. Andrew the Apostle Church. Please present this coupon with your bill and St. Andrew's will receive 5% of your bill as a donation to the church. This coupon is only good for EAT IN dinners on "NON" holiday/special menu days.



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 7

5pm Robert Gulbin

Sunday, March 8

9am Stephanie Pientek

11am Christina Bruno

12:30pm Elvira and Joseph Hudsick

Monday, March 9

9am Mary Carman

Tuesday, March 10

9am Thomas and Agripina Bautista

Wednesday, March 11

9am Caggiano and Ferrante Families

Thursday, March 12

9am Communion Service

Friday, March 13

9am Joseph D'Amico

Saturday, March 14

9am Elvira and Joseph Hudsick

5pm Michael and Grace Sanders

Sunday, March 15

9am Liana Siebel

11am John Faillace

12:30pm Elvira and Joseph Hudsick

OFFERINGS

ALTAR CANDLES

In loving memory of my husband

Bob DeStasio

With love from Patricia A. DeStasio

IN OUR PRAYERS

Remember the sick of our parish in your prayers.

Scott Brown, Barbara Foss, Rosmarie Fostner,

**Pray for all those who have gone before us
marked with the sign of faith,**

**Remember our service men and women
serving around the world and the wounded.**

PLEASE LET US KNOW

Please call the Parish House to let us know if there is someone who is sick and who you would like to be mentioned and prayed for at the Prayer of the Faithful at the Sunday Masses.

PRAYER NETWORK

The Prayer Network is a group of faithful individuals joined in private and/or communal prayer to pray for the needs of all whose petitions come to us. Some members also bring the Eucharist to the homebound. Additional volunteers have created comfort caps for children with cancer and prayer blankets, which members of the Prayer Network can bring to those whom we visit. The comfort caps are delivered by a member of the parish to children being treated at Ronald McDonald House and Memorial Sloan Kettering. Members of the Prayer Network pray the Rosary on Thursday and Saturday mornings at 9:30 a.m., and at 10:15 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to join or learn more about our online and telephone ministry of prayer, or if you would like to ask for someone to be prayed for, to receive a visit, or to be brought a Prayer Blanket, please contact Maryann Polesinelli at 718-759-0848 or at marauderblueteam@aol.com

RED DE ORACIÓN

La Red de Oración es un grupo de fieles unidos en oración privada y / o comunidad para orar por las necesidades y por de todas las peticiones que nos llegan. Algunos miembros también llevan la Eucaristía a su hogar. Voluntarios adicionales han creado gorras de confort para niños con cáncer y mantas de oración, que los miembros de la Red de Oración pueden llevar a quienes visitamos. Los miembros de la parroquia entregan las gorras de confort a los niños que reciben tratamiento en Ronald McDonald House y Memorial Sloan Kettering. Los miembros de la Red de Oración rezan el Rosario los jueves y sábados por la mañana a las 9:30 a.m. y a las 10:15 a.m. los domingos. Si desea unirse u obtener más información sobre nuestro ministerio de oración en línea y por teléfono, o si desea pedir que se ore por alguien, que reciba una visita o que le traigan una Manta de oración, comuníquese con Maryann Polesinelli en 718-759-0848

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS

Gluten-free hosts are available. Please mention your need to a Eucharistic Minister prior to the beginning of Mass.

OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE, TABERNACLE CANDLE AND ALTAR CANDLES

There also remains some availability in 2020. These offerings are a special way to remember your deceased or a special occasion during one of the weeks of the year. The donation for each is \$25 for the week, and your intention is printed in the bulletin that week. Please visit the Parish House Office to register your intention.

OFERTAS DE HOSTIAS Y VINO, VELA DE TABERNÁCULO Y VELAS DE ALTAR

También queda algo de disponibilidad en 2020. Estas ofertas son una forma especial de recordar su difunto o un ocasión especial durante una de las semanas del año. La donación para cada uno es de \$25 por semana, y su intención se imprime en el boletín esa semana. Por favor, visite la oficina de la casa parroquial para registrar su intención.

ATTENTION ALL GROUPS AND COORDINATORS: Information for the bulletin must be submitted two weeks prior to the date you want the information in the bulletin. Pulpit announcements must be submitted by Wednesday for the coming Sunday. Send by e-mail to standrewrc6713@gmail.com or call the Parish House Office.