

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.



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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 23, 2020

ALL ARE WELCOME! ¡TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS!

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: 9am
(9am Thursdays: Communion Service)
Saturday Vigil: 5pm (Except July and August)
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

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ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE PARISH, BROOKLYN, NY

REFLECTION

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

When we hear Sunday's scripture readings, we might wonder about God's wisdom and knowledge, or at least of Jesus's. First, he had to ask who people said he was, and then he responded to Peter's response with such praise and generosity that he seemed to forget Peter's record of stumbles and falls with more to come. But that is exactly where God's riches, wisdom, and knowledge lie—in seeing beyond human weaknesses and failings and recognizing the sincerity of heart and remarkable potential of one who struggles but comes through in the end. We can be so grateful that God's judgments are so much better than ours might be. They give not only Peter, but all of us, reason to hope and to rejoice.

Pax Christi Metro New York!

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time: Jeremiah 20:7-9; Psalm 63:2-6, 8-9; Romans 12:1-2; and Matthew 16:21-27

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I want to warn you about your online giving. Although everyone tells me it's the greatest thing since "white bread", you should know that the diocese and managing group take a percentage – so, your full donation doesn't go to your parish. I much prefer that you send in or put your donation in the basket. You can also, as many do, arrange for your bank to automatically send us a check OR we can arrange for it to be deposited directly to our parish account. In either case, thanks for your help. We are still short \$10,000 in our 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal. Please help, if you can, when you get Appeal requests. It supports a lot of Catholic work that no individual parish can do on its own. Also, please continue to complete your pledges to the Generations of Faith Campaign so we can continue to improve our parish buildings.

A personal word: you know my thoughts on electronics and I know many find it easier to lock into "online giving". I'm okay with that but, I believe the giving in the offering basket is a part of the Mass and a religious, liturgical act, which has taken place since the beginning. By offering your donation at Mass, you are doing a holy act by joining your gift to the offering of Christ Himself at the altar. It's not a question of making money, it's a deliberate (NOT automatic) act of participating in the Sacrifice of the Mass. Believe me, I will accept gratefully *any* form your donations arrive in, especially from those who can't get to church. I pray for and thank ALL those who keep supporting our parish but I always hope that you can come to Mass and reverently place your offering in the basket as a physical sign of your desire to share in the offering of Jesus.

Thanks to all, Gr Greg

Please give me your opinion on the following changes.

- Remove the Saturday 5pm Mass for June, July and August – to resume the Saturday after Labor Day
- Beginning June, 2021 – combine the 9am and 11am Mass into a 10am English Mass. Move the 12:30pm Spanish Mass to 12 noon, either permanently or just June to September.

Please let me know your thoughts.

Fr. Greg

REFLEXIÓN

Oh, la profundidad de las riquezas, la sabiduría y el conocimiento de Dios!

Cuando escuchamos las lecturas de las Escrituras del domingo, es posible que nos preguntemos acerca de la sabiduría y el conocimiento de Dios, o al menos de Jesús. Primero, tuvo que preguntar quién decía la gente que era, y luego respondió a la respuesta de Peter con tal elogio y generosidad que pareció olvidar el historial de tropiezos y caídas de Peter con más por venir. Pero ahí es exactamente donde residen las riquezas, la sabiduría y el conocimiento de Dios: ver más allá de las debilidades y fallas humanas y reconocer la sinceridad de corazón y el notable potencial de alguien que lucha pero que al final lo logra. Podemos estar muy agradecidos de que los juicios de Dios sean mucho mejores que los nuestros. No solo le dan a Pedro, sino a todos nosotros, motivos de esperanza y de alegría.

LECTURAS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

XXII Domingo Ordinario: Jeremías 20:7-9; Salmo 63:2-6, 8-9; Romanos 12:1-2 y Mateo 16:21-27

Estimados feligreses y amigos,

Quiero aclarar algo sobre sus donaciones en línea. Aunque todo el mundo me dice que es lo mejor desde el "pan blanco", debes saber que la diócesis y el grupo de que administra las donaciones, toman un porcentaje, por lo que tu donación no va completa a tu parroquia. Prefiero que envíe o ponga su donación en la canasta. También puede, como hacen muchos, hacer arreglos para que su banco nos envíe automáticamente un cheque O podemos hacer arreglos para que se deposite directamente en nuestra cuenta parroquial. En cualquier caso, gracias por tu ayuda. Todavía nos faltan \$ 10,000 en nuestra Campaña Católica Anual 2020. Por favor ayude, si puede, cuando reciba solicitudes de apelación. Ayudan a mucho trabajo católico que ninguna parroquia individualmente puede hacer. Además, continúe completando sus promesas a la Campaña Generaciones de Fe para que podamos continuar mejorando los edificios de nuestra parroquia. Una palabra personal: usted conoce mi opinión sobre la tecnología y sé que a muchos les resulta más fácil concentrarse en las "donaciones en línea". Estoy de acuerdo con eso, pero creo que dar en la canasta de ofrendas es parte de la Misa y un acto litúrgico religioso, que ha tenido lugar desde el principio. Al ofrecer su donación en la Misa, está haciendo un acto sagrado al unir su ofrenda a la ofrenda de Cristo mismo en el altar. No es una cuestión de ganar dinero, es un acto deliberado (NO automático) de participar en el Sacrificio de la Misa. Créame, aceptaré con gratitud cualquier forma en que lleguen sus donaciones, especialmente de aquellos que no pueden ir a la iglesia. Oro y agradezco a TODOS aquellos que siguen apoyando a nuestra parroquia, pero siempre espero que puedan venir a la Misa y colocar con reverencia su ofrenda en la canasta como una señal física de su deseo de participar en la ofrenda de Jesús.

Gracias a todos, P. Greg

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.

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SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation (Sept 1-Oct 4) is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion and commitment together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home. **Look for more information in upcoming bulletins!**

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Last year (2019) our parish income, from mid-March to mid-August was: \$126,698
This year (2020) our parish income, from mid-March to mid-August was: \$101,084
That means we are short income by: \$25,614
Remember our attendance and income will probably be down for at least the next 6 months. Please help if you can.
Thank you, Fr Greg

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2020

If you have not made a pledge to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal and are able to do so, I ask that you consider making a pledge. You may make your pledge online at annualcatholicappeal.org or text *ACA* to **917-336-1255** or call 718-965-7375 ext. 1602 and have a pledge card mailed to your home. Thank you in advance for making a gift commensurate with your means and circumstances!

Fr Greg

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

To support married couples during this time of social-distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a virtual marriage experience called **Restore-Rekindle-Renew**. This enrichment experience will meet via Zoom for 7 sessions on Tuesdays September 1 to October 13, from 7-9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality types, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$50 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Richie & Karen Roginski at (877)697-9963 or visit them at <https://bq-wwme.org>

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GROUP FOOD PANTRY

The St Vincent de Paul Society has received a summer grant in the amount of \$1200 for food supplies for the pantry. Therefore, because of this grant, we will not be needing any food donations until further notice. We thank you for your generosity. The next monthly distribution is on **Wednesday, September 16, from 9:45am to 10:45am**, in Kiernan Hall. La próxima distribución de comida será el **miércoles, 16 de septiembre, de las 9:45am a 10:45am**. La documentación no es necesaria.

Mary, Untier of Knots, pray for me



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Mass Intentions Book for 2021, as well as the Bread and Wine and Candle Memorials book for 2021 will open in the Fall. In the meantime, you can offer intentions in our monthly "Beyond the Grave" Masses in September, October, November or December 2020; or you can offer one of the remaining memorial intentions for this year. Thank you.

PARA TU INFORMACIÓN

El libro de intenciones de misas para 2021, así como el libro de Pan y Vino y las Velas conmemorativas para 2021 se abrirán en el otoño. Mientras tanto, puede ofrecer intenciones en nuestras Misas mensuales "Más allá de la tumba" en septiembre, octubre, noviembre o diciembre de 2020; o puede ofrecer una de las intenciones conmemorativas restantes para este año. Gracias.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Remember the sick of our parish in your prayers.
Scott Brown, Mike Malzone, Maura McQuade, Joey Murphy, Peggy Murray, Emily O'Connor, Herminia Ombid

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 23

9am Colin Schieren
11am Albert and Pasqualina Stankus
12:30pm Josefa Canales

Monday, August 24

9am Albert and Pasqualina Stankus

Tuesday, August 25

9am Jeffrey Keeler

Wednesday, August 26

9am Louis Mastrototaro

Thursday, August 27

9am Communion Service

Friday, August 28

9am Albert Stankus

Saturday, August 29

9am Frances Avitabile

Sunday, August 30

9am Lurene Petteway
11am Mary and Stanley Barnas
12:30pm Maria Morel