

# 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.



## LIVE STREAM @ ST ANDREW

We will be streaming Mass on Sundays (9am, 11am and 12:30pm) and weekdays at 9am. Go to our website [www.standrewbrooklyn.com](http://www.standrewbrooklyn.com) or our Facebook page St. Andrew the Apostle. If you have any questions, please call our office 718-680-1010 Ex 10

### 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)  
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Sergio Sandí, Music Director

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 20, 2020

## ALL ARE WELCOME! ¡TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS!

Parish House Office: 6713 Ridge Boulevard, Brooklyn, New York 11220, 718-680-1010, Fax: 718-680-3160  
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Parish website: [www.standrewbrooklyn.com](http://www.standrewbrooklyn.com)  
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### MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: 9am  
(9am Thursdays: Communion Service)  
Saturday Vigil: 5pm (Except June, July and August)  
Sunday: 9am, 11am and 12:30pm  
Holy Days: 9am

### 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** At Parish House anytime. Make an appointment by calling 718-680-1010 during office hours. Also before or after any Mass.

**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** En la Casa Parroquial en cualquier momento. Haga una cita llamando al 718-680-1010 durante el horario de oficina. También antes o después de cualquier misa.

**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

# ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE PARISH, BROOKLYN, NY

## REFLECTION

*May it be done to me according to your word.*

How often have we said the words of Mary in Sunday's Gospel? Always? Sometimes? Never? Those are easy words to say, but not easy words to mean. They should make us appreciate more than ever Mary's faith, trust, and courage, especially if we compare them to our own. In the first reading, David wants to build a better home for God than a mere tent, but God wants none of it. It is God who provides the home, and it is in Mary. Is it also in us, perhaps not in the very physical way it was in Mary, but in that prayer, "May it be done to me according to your word?" And what is "it" that the word is saying to us? Could it be to listen with the same faith, trust, and courage that Mary demonstrated? Could it be to accept God's call to each of us, different as it might be from one to another? Christmas is less than a week away. Are we ready to welcome Jesus's rebirth in every one of us so we can carry on his work in word and deed? May it be done unto us according to the Word.

*Pax Christi Metro New York!*

## READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

**December 24/25, the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas):** *Vigil Mass:* Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; and Matthew 1:1-25. *Mass during the Night:* Isaiah 9:1-6; Psalm 96:1-3, 11-13; Titus 2:11-14 and Luke 2:1-14. *Mass at Dawn:* Isaiah 62:11-12; Psalm 97:1, 6, 11-12; Titus 3:4-7 and Luke 2:15-20. *Mass during the Day:* Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98:1-6; Hebrews 1:1-6 and John 1:1-18

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph:** Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Psalm 128:1-5; Colossians 3:12-21 or Colossians 3:12-17; and Luke 2:22-40

## ON THE CALENDAR

Monday, December 21

7pm Jornada Meeting (KH)

Tuesday, December 22

10am Christmas Set-Up (CHU)

Wednesday, December 23

9:30am Miraculous Medal Novena (CHU)

10am Christmas Set-Up (CHU)

6pm Communion & Liberation (PHDR)

Thursday, December 24 OFFICE CLOSED  
CHRISTMAS EVE

9:30am Rosary (CHU)

5pm Christmas Vigil Mass

Midnight Christmas Vigil Mass (bilingual)

Friday, December 25 OFFICE CLOSED  
CHRISTMAS DAY

Mass 9am and 11am

Saturday, December 26

9:30am Rosary (CHU)

2pm Baptisms in English (CHU)

4:30pm Confessions (CHU)

5pm Mass

6pm Spanish Marriage Meeting with Fr Pablo (KH)

Sunday, December 27

10:15am Rosary (CHU)

## REFLEXIÓN

*Hágase en mí según tu palabra.*

¿Con qué frecuencia hemos dicho las palabras de María en el Evangelio dominical? ¿Siempre? ¿Algunas veces? ¿Nunca? Esas son palabras fáciles de decir, pero no son palabras fáciles de decir. Deben hacernos apreciar más que nunca la fe, la confianza y el coraje de María, especialmente si los comparamos con los nuestros. En la primera lectura, David quiere construir un hogar mejor para Dios que una mera tienda, pero Dios no quiere nada de eso. Es Dios quien provee el hogar, y está en María. ¿Está también en nosotros, tal vez no de la misma manera física que lo estaba en María, sino en esa oración: "Hágase en mí según tu palabra?" ¿Y qué es "eso" que la palabra nos está diciendo? ¿Será escuchar con la misma fe, confianza y coraje que demostró María? ¿Podría ser aceptar el llamado de Dios para cada uno de nosotros, por diferente que sea de uno a otro? Falta menos de una semana para Navidad. ¿Estamos listos para recibir el renacimiento de Jesús en cada uno de nosotros para que podamos continuar su obra de palabra y obra? Hágase en nosotros según la Palabra.

## LECTURAS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

**24/25 de diciembre, la Solemnidad de la Natividad del Señor (Navidad):** *Vigilia:* Isaías 62:1-5; Salmo 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Hechos 13:16-17, 22-25; y Mateo 1:1-25. *Misa durante la Noche:* Isaías 9:1-6; Salmo 96:1-3, 11-13, Tito 2:11-14; y Lucas 2:1-14. *Misa durante la Aurora:* Isaías 62:11-12; Salmo 97:1, 6, 11-12; Tito 3:4-7; y Lucas 2:15-20. *Misa durante el Día:* Isaías 52:7-10; Salmo 98:1-6; Hebreos 1:1-6; y Juan 1:1-18.

**La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José:** Eclesiástico 3:2-6, 12-14; Salmo 128:1-5; Colosenses 3:12-21 o Colosenses 2:12-17 y Lucas 2:22-40

## RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

### SECOND COLLECTION - TODAY

The Retirement Fund for Religious distributes direct care, planning and implementation assistance from the fund to religious institutes in the United States.

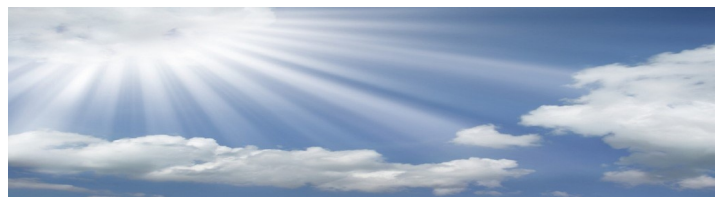
## CATHOLIC CHARITIES

### SECOND COLLECTION - CHRISTMAS DAY

This collection supports programs and services provided by Catholic Charities that have literally transformed the lives of so many of our neighbors. Catholic Charities currently sponsors many programs and services for children and youth, adults and seniors, the developmentally disabled, the mentally ill, the hungry and the homeless. In addition, Catholic Charities is one of the largest faith-based providers of affordable housing in the country providing housing units for the elderly, homeless, disabled, low-income families and special needs housing.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**What you are is God's gift to you,  
What you become is your gift to God.**



## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

#### CHRISTMAS EVE, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

Masses at 5pm and 12 midnight (bilingual)

#### CHRISTMAS DAY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

Masses at 9am and 11am

#### NEW YEAR'S EVE, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

Mass for the Feast of Mary, Mother of God at 5pm (bilingual)

#### NEW YEAR'S DAY, FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

Mass for the Feast of Mary, Mother of God at 11am

**Please Note:** Our Parish House Office will be CLOSED

December 24, December 25,

December 31 and January 1

We will be streaming the Holiday Masses.

Go to our website, [www.standrewbrooklyn.com](http://www.standrewbrooklyn.com) or our Facebook page St. Andrew the Apostle.



#### PLEASE KEEP UP YOUR SUPPORT

If you had envelopes in 2020, your new box of 2021 envelopes are in the Gathering Space. They are in number order, so know your envelope number or look it up on the alphabetical list in the Gathering Space.

If you didn't have envelopes in 2020 and would like a box for 2021, please visit the Parish house during office hours.

Thanks for your support.

*Fr Greg*

#### POR FAVOR MANTENGA SU APOYO

Si tenía sobres en 2020, su nueva caja de sobres 2021 está en el espacio de reunión. Están en orden numérico, así que sepa su número de sobre o búsquelo en la lista alfabética en el Espacio de reunión.

Si no tenía sobres en 2020 y desea una caja para 2021, visite la casa parroquial durante el horario de oficina.

Gracias por su apoyo.

*P. Greg*

#### PARISH E-MAIL CONTACT LIST

The bulletin, special notices and invitations to weekly prayer services on Zoom are sent out via e-mail every week. If you have not been receiving these e-mails but would like to, please e-mail [standrewrc6713@gmail.com](mailto:standrewrc6713@gmail.com) and request that you be added to the Parish E-Mail Contact List.

#### LISTA DE CONTACTOS

#### POR CORREO ELECTRÓNICO DE LA PARROQUIA

El boletín, los avisos especiales y las invitaciones a los servicios de oración semanales en Zoom se envían por correo electrónico cada semana. Si no ha recibido estos correos electrónicos pero le gustaría, por favor envíe un correo electrónico a [standrewrc6713@gmail.com](mailto:standrewrc6713@gmail.com) y solicite que lo agreguen a la lista de contactos por correo electrónico de la parroquia.

#### THANK YOU

We have reached our goal for the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal, which supports many charities and diocesan projects. Thanks for helping our parish in the Appeal. God bless your goodness.

*Fr Greg*

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO CARE FOR THE PARISH HOUSE FLOWER BEDS AND GRASS

Several volunteers are needed to plant flowers, weed beds, and deadhead flowers for spring, summer, and fall. Spring bulbs are in and growing. Summer plants are chosen and planted in late May. There is a Gardening Budget for this. Three to five volunteers are needed to cut the Parish House grass during the growing seasons. New battery powered mower and trimmer are available.

Instruction is available.

Contact LaNell Schultheis at 718-745-1782 or [lanell.schultheis@gmail.com](mailto:lanell.schultheis@gmail.com).



#### SE NECESITAN VOLUNTARIOS PARA EL CUIDADO DE LOS CAMPOS DE FLORES Y EL HIERBA

Se necesitan varios voluntarios para plantar flores, lechos de malezas y flores muertas para la primavera, el verano y el otoño. Los bulbos de primavera están adentro y creciendo. Las plantas de verano se eligen y se plantan a finales de mayo. Hay un presupuesto de jardinería para esto. Se necesitan de tres a cinco voluntarios para cortar el césped de la casa parroquial durante las temporadas de crecimiento. Se encuentran disponibles nuevas podadoras y recortadoras a batería.

La instrucción está disponible.

Comuníquese con LaNell Schultheis al 718-745-1782 o

[lanell.schultheis@gmail.com](mailto:lanell.schultheis@gmail.com).



**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, and Lois Seelandt. To contact any a Parish Council member, please leave a message at the Parish House office or send an email to [PPCStAndrews@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:PPCStAndrews@gmail.com).



**CARE FOR CREATION**

Advent is a season for hope. Here are five takeaways from the Global Catholic Climate Movement. Watch this encouraging 3-minute video at <https://catholicclimatemovement.global/advent/#creatingHopeThroughoutTheWorld>

Merry Christmas! Laudato Si'!

Hope is...

- working for justice
- supporting businesses that promote sustainability
- scientists finding cures and solutions
- believing that what we have harmed, we can fix
- knowing that what you are doing is right, and committing yourself to it

**EL CUDADO DE LA CREACION**

El Adviento es época de esperanza. Vean estos detalles informativos del Movimiento Global Católico Climático en el siguiente video: <https://catholicclimatemovement.global/advent/#creatingHopeThroughoutTheWorld>

¡Feliz Navidad! ¡Laudato Si'!

Esperanza es...

- trabajar por la justicia
- apoyar negocios que promociónen sostenibilidad
- científicos que busquen curas y soluciones
- creer que lo que hemos dañado se puede arreglar
- saber que lo que estás haciendo es correcto y comprometerte con ello

**FEAST DAY DONATION TO OUR SISTER PARISH**

The San Andres committee is so grateful for your generous donations to our sister parish in Guatemala. The parish collected \$1667 for the scholarship students that we support. It was especially gratifying that you were able to help this year during the pandemic. Your continued support has allowed for education to continue despite the ongoing difficulties in Guatemala due to COVID and two recent hurricanes. If alternatives to in-person education are not possible the scholarship money will be used to support the physical needs of our student's families. Your donation makes a big difference in the lives of many young people in Guatemala. Thank you. If you would still like to donate, you can make a direct donation online to the Sister Celeste Derr Foundation [www.derr.foundation](http://www.derr.foundation).

**PLEASE SUPPORT AMAZON SMILE**

If you use Amazon for your shopping needs, please sign into AmazonSmile so, at no cost to you, our parish gets money back for every dollar you spend. Over the past 4 years, we have received \$1,748.81, so keep this happening. See the details in the box below. Happy Shopping!



**WREATH MEMORIALS**



- In Loving Memory of Reverend Edward Kiernan
- In Loving Memory of Reverend Dennis McAliffe
- In Loving Memory of the deceased members of the McPartlan Family
- In Loving Memory of the deceased members of the Finnegan Family
- In Loving Memory of the deceased members of the Avitabile Family
- In Loving Memory of the deceased members of the Hinchin Family
- In Loving Memory of the Burke Family
- In Loving Memory of the Ryan Family
- In Loving Memory of William Shea
- In Loving Memory of Lena Lopardo Padavano
- In Loving Memory of Andrew Martin
- In Loving Memory of Vera Husick
- In Loving Memory of Joe Husick
- In Loving Memory of Walter J. Nelson Jr.
- In Loving Memory of Vincent Ordorica
- In Loving Memory of Ann Andersen
- In Loving Memory of Andrew Andersen
- In Loving Memory of Peggy Garvey
- In Loving Memory of John Garvey
- In Loving Memory of Mr & Mrs Joseph Lutfy
- In Loving Memory of Mr & Mrs Carmine Squitieri
- In Loving Memory of the Kearns and Lavelle Families
- Merry Christmas from the Duran Family
- Merry Christmas from Mary Ellen and Bill Kearns
- Merry Christmas from the Maiorana Family

**MASS AND MEMORIAL INTENTIONS**

Please come to the Parish House office to arrange your intentions for 2021. Weekday masses are \$15, Sunday and feast day masses are \$20 and Memorials are \$25.

Thank you for your support.

**INTENCIONES DE MISA Y CONMEMORACIÓN**

Por favor venga a la oficina de la Casa Parroquial para arreglar sus intenciones para el 2021. Las misas entre semana cuestan \$ 15, los domingos y festivos cuestan \$ 20 y los memoriales cuestan \$25. Gracias por tu apoyo.

**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 only need the following foods, which are not covered by the grant: cold cereal, mac & cheese, coffee, rice-a-roni or plain rice, tuna, ketchup, mustard. We thank you for your generosity. The next monthly distribution is on **Wednesday, January 20, from 9:45am to 10:45am**, in Kiernan Hall. La próxima distribución de comida será el **miércoles, 20 de enero, de las 9:45am a 10:45am**.

La documentación no es necesaria.

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## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, December 20

9am Frances Avitabile  
 11am Polesinelli Family  
 12:30pm Marilyn Ann Ritchie

#### Monday, December 21

9am RIP Grandma Cimorelli & Family

#### Tuesday, December 22

9am Enrico Tramontano

#### Wednesday, December 23

9am RIP Dominick Cimorelli & Family

#### Thursday, December 24

9am Communion Service  
 5pm Natalino Guglielmetti  
 Midnight Antonio Lofaro

#### Friday, December 25

9am Teresa Garcia  
 11am Elizabeth "Betty" Rocanova

#### Saturday, December 26

9am John (Jim) Corrigan  
 5pm RIP Bertha and Gertrude Carman

#### Sunday, December 27

9am Intentions of Emily Cody O'Connor and  
 Thomas J. O'Connor  
 11am Stephanie Pientek  
 12:30pm Maria Morel

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM 2020-2021

The diocese has mandated all parish religious education classes be taught remotely. Please register at [StAndrewBrooklyn.com](http://StAndrewBrooklyn.com), Rel. Ed., Religious Education Information for 2020-2021 or contact Ann Smyth at 718-680-1010 Extension 20. Classes began October 1st.

La diócesis ha ordenado que todas las clases de educación religiosa parroquial se enseñen de forma remota. Regístrese en [StAndrewBrooklyn.com](http://StAndrewBrooklyn.com), Rel. Ed., Información sobre educación religiosa para 2020-2021 o comuníquese con Ann Smyth al 718-680-1010 Extensión 20. Las clases comenzaron el 1 de octubre.

### IN OUR PRAYERS

#### Remember the sick of our parish in your prayers.

Scott Brown, Larry Disco, Kate Gelormino, Edith Gonzalez,  
 Joe McGivney, Eileen McPartlan, Joey Murphy,  
 Peggy Murray, Patty Murray, Herminia Ombid,  
 Brandyn Pryce, Clemente Rico Tornz

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

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

### OFFERINGS FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 20-DECEMBER 26

#### BREAD AND WINE

In Loving Memory of  
 Joseph & Rose Lutfy and Carmine & Vincenza Squitieri  
 from Lucille Squitieri

#### TABERNACLE CANDLE

In Loving Memory of  
 Joseph & Rose Lutfy and Carmine & Vincenza Squitieri  
 from Lucille and Sal Squitieri

#### ALTAR CANDLES

In Loving Memory of  
 Joseph & Rose Lutfy and Carmine & Vincenza Squitieri  
 from Lucille Squitieri

### AVAILABLE MASSES FOR FEBRUARY/MARCH 2021

February 17	9am & 7:30pm	March 1	9am
February 20	9am & 5pm	March 2	9am
February 21	12:30pm	March 5	9am
February 22	9am	March 6	9am & 5pm
February 23	9am	March 7	9am &
February 24	9am		12:30pm
February 27	9am	March 8	9am
February 28	9am, 11am &	March 10	9am
	12:30pm	March 13	9am

### 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.

**C O U P O 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.



**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](mailto:standrewrc6713@gmail.com) or call the Parish House Office.