

ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE

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 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
Ann Smyth, Director of Religious Education
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 19, 2021

ALL ARE WELCOME! ¡TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS!

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Parish website: 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 (Spanish)
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 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 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

Once again God surprises, choosing the tiny town of Bethlehem to be the birthplace of "one who is to be ruler in Israel." This is not just a matter of geography; we know it is God's way throughout all of sacred history. Jesus, the one who "shall be called peace," who comes to do God's will, comes from a totally humble beginning. His young, simple, working-class mother is no debutante, no child of royalty. Her cousin, Elizabeth, is alike except in age. These are ordinary people whom God has chosen to do extraordinary things. And how wonderful this is! It means that we, too, need not be rich or renowned to be chosen by God to receive divine blessings and to share them with others. God's will for us is not a burden, but a gift to extend to everyone we meet on Christmas and throughout the New Year. Blessings of Peace, Joy, and Love this Christmas and always from Pax Christi!

Pax Christi Metro New York!

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

December 24/25, 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 or 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28; Psalm 128:1-5 or 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Colossians 3:12-21 or 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24; and Luke 2:41-52.

REFLEXIÓN

Una vez más, Dios sorprende al elegir la pequeña ciudad de Belén para ser el lugar de nacimiento de "uno que gobernará en Israel". Esto no es solo una cuestión de geografía; sabemos que es el camino de Dios a lo largo de toda la historia sagrada. Jesús, el que "será llamado paz", que viene a hacer la voluntad de Dios, viene de un comienzo totalmente humilde. Su madre joven, sencilla y de clase trabajadora no es una debutante, no es una hija de la realeza. Su prima, Elizabeth, es similar excepto en edad. Estas son personas comunes a quienes Dios ha elegido para hacer cosas extraordinarias. ¡Y qué maravilloso es esto! Significa que nosotros tampoco necesitamos ser ricos o famosos para ser elegidos por Dios para recibir bendiciones divinas y compartirlas con otros. La voluntad de Dios para nosotros no es una carga, sino un regalo para todos los que nos encontremos en Navidad y durante el Año Nuevo. Bendiciones de Paz, Alegría y Amor esta Navidad y siempre de Pax Christi!

LECTURAS PARA EL PRÓXIMO DOMINGO

24/25 de diciembre, 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 o 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28; Salmo 128:1-5 o 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Colosenses 3:12-21 o 1 Juan 3:1-2, 21-24; y Lucas 2:41-52.

ON THE CALENDAR

Monday, December 20

7pm Jornada Group Meeting (KH)

Wednesday, December 22

9:30am Miraculous Medal Novena (CHU)

10am Christmas Set-Up (CHU)

Thursday, December 23

9:30am Rosary (CHU)

10am Christmas Set-Up (CHU)

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

Friday, December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE Office Closed

5pm Christmas Vigil Mass

Midnight: Christmas Vigil Mass (bilingual)

Saturday, December 25 CHRISTMAS Office Closed

Masses at 9am and 11am

Sunday, December 26 THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Masses at 9am, 11am, 12:30pm (bilingual)

10:15am Rosary (CHU)

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.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION MONDAY

On Monday, December 20 the Diocese of Brooklyn will be celebrating **Advent Reconciliation Monday**. On this special day all parishes in our diocese will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the Feast of the Lord's Nativity. Come to the Parish House on Monday, December 20 from 10am to 4pm for confession.

PLEASE NOTE

Many parishioners are now donating online and I thank you for this. Please send me a note that you choose to donate that way so I can save money on envelope boxes. I appreciate your support.

Fr Greg



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50TH ANNIVERSARY NEWS

HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY

We are happy to invite you to a year of events celebrating the 50th Anniversary of our beloved parish. Please see the 50th Anniversary list online and on our social media:

www.standrewbrooklyn.com

Facebook page: *St Andrew the Apostle.*

You can print out a copy of the sheet you want and return it to the parish house by the cut-off date on the sheet. You can also take the sheet from the racks in the Gathering Space. There are sheets to return (with payment) for the Journal and the Grand Raffle. Our next events are:

**THE GREAT AMERICAN SONGBOOK
AND CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021 AT 2PM**

See the forms online or in the Gathering Space for more information or to volunteer to help out. We look forward to seeing you and your family there.

FELIZ 50 ANIVERSARIO

Nos complace invitarlo a un año de eventos que celebran el 50 aniversario de nuestra amada parroquia. Consulte la lista del 50 aniversario en línea y en nuestras redes sociales:

www.standrewbrooklyn.com

Página de Facebook: *San Andrés Apóstol.*

Puede imprimir una copia de la hoja que desee y devolverla a la casa parroquial antes de la fecha límite. También puede tomar la hoja de los estantes en el espacio de reunión. Hay hojas para devolver (con pago) para el Diario y el Gran Rifa. Nuestro próximo evento es:

**LA GRAN COLECCIÓN DE CANCIONES
AMERICANAS
Y CANTANDO JUNTOS EN NAVIDAD SERÁ EL
DOMINGO 19 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2021 A LAS 2PM**

Vea los formularios en línea o en el espacio de reunión para obtener más información o para ser voluntario para ayudar. Esperamos verte a ti y a tu familia allí.

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 are in need of cold cereal, coffee, tea and cups of apple sauce. The next monthly distribution is on **Wednesday, January 19 from 9:45am to 10:45am**, in Kiernan Hall.

La próxima distribución de comida será el **miércoles, 19 de enero, de las 9:45am a 10:45am**. La documentación no es necesaria.

SYNOD 2021-2023 - A CALL TO JOURNEY TOGETHER

Pope Francis: Synodality is the way of being the Church today according to the will of God, in a dynamic of discerning and listening together to the voice of the Holy Spirit. The purpose of the Synod is not to produce documents, but to plant dreams, draw forth prophecies and visions, allow hope to be nourished, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships, awaken a dawn of hope, learn from one another, and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm hearts, give strength to our hands.

Because listening to you is the beginning of the journey, the Parish Council is hosting two Listening Sessions, as follows:

**Listening Session in English
on Saturday, January 8, at 2:30pm in Kiernan Hall**

**Listening Session in Spanish
on Sunday, January 16, at 1:30pm in Kiernan Hall**

It would be helpful for practical purposes if you could let the Parish Council know you will attend, by e-mailing PPCStAndrews@gmail.com or calling 718-680-1010. Your participation is very important - please be sure to join us!

SÍNODO 2021-2023 - UN LLAMADO A VIAJAR JUNTOS

Papa Francisco: La sinodalidad es la forma de ser Iglesia hoy según la voluntad de Dios en una dinámica de escucha y discernimiento del Espíritu Santo. Recordamos que la finalidad del Sínodo no es producir documentos, sino hacer que germinen sueños, suscitar profecías y visiones, hacer florecer esperanzas, estimular la confianza, vendar heridas, entretener relaciones, resucitar una aurora de esperanza, aprender unos de otros, y crear un imaginario positivo que ilumine las mentes, enardezca los corazones, dé fuerza a las manos.

Porque escucharle es el comienzo del diálogo y el de nuestro viaje juntos. El Consejo Parroquial está organizando dos sesiones de Escucha, de la siguiente manera:

**Sesión de Escucha en inglés
el sábado 8 de enero a las 2:30pm en Kiernan Hall**

**Sesión de Escucha en español
el domingo 16 de enero a la 1:30pm en Kiernan Hall**

Su presencia es indispensable en este llamado de su Santidad, el Papa Francisco, al diálogo. Nos sería muy útil para propósitos prácticos, que pudiera informar al Consejo Parroquial si asistirá, puede enviar un correo electrónico a PPCStAndrews@gmail.com o llamando al 718-680-1010.

THANK YOU FROM HOUR CHILDREN

On behalf of the women, children and families who participate in Hour Children programs, thank you for your generous donation of items. You are helping to make a difference in the lives of so many. *Patricia Chambers Daly, Director*

PLEASE HELP OUT

WE HAVE BEEN DOWN 50% IN ATTENDANCE AND INCOME SINCE THE START OF THE PANDEMIC. PLEASE BE AS GENEROUS AS YOU CAN IN THE CHRISTMAS COLLECTION.

THANKS, FR. GREG

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, Alexander Rosado, 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. 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.

DECEMBER 19, 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The staff of St. Andrew the Apostle wishes you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and God's blessings in the New Year. We will remember you at Christmas Masses, praying that our Savior's love and peace may fill your hearts with joy and encourage all of us to share those blessings with all whom we meet. If you plan to be with us, we welcome you and your families and friends with open arms to our Christmas and New Year celebrations, but, if you will be traveling for the holidays, please know that we will hold you in prayer and affection until your return.

May God bless and keep you in his care.
Fr. Greg and your parish staff

P.S. Please be generous in your Christmas donations so we may meet our end of year bills. Many thanks.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24
Masses at 5pm and 12 midnight (bilingual)



CHRISTMAS DAY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25
Masses at 9am and 11am
NO 5PM MASS

NEW YEAR'S EVE, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31
Mass for the Feast of Mary, Mother of God
at 5pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY, SATURDAY, JANUARY 1
Mass for the Feast of Mary, Mother of God
at 11am
NO 5PM MASS



PLEASE NOTE: Our Parish House Office will be CLOSED
December 24, December 25, December 31 and January 1

Queridos feligreses y amigos:

El personal de San Andrés Apóstol les desea a ustedes y a sus seres queridos una muy Feliz Navidad y bendiciones de Dios en el Año Nuevo. Nosotros les recordaremos en las misas de Navidad, rezando para que el amor y la paz de nuestro Salvador llene sus corazones de alegría y nos anime a todos a compartir esas bendiciones con todos los que encontramos en nuestro camino. Si planea estar con nosotros, les daremos la bienvenida a ustedes, sus familias y amigos con los brazos abiertos a nuestras celebraciones de Navidad y Año Nuevo, pero, si usted va a viajar para esas fiestas, por favor sepa que nosotros le mantendremos en nuestras oraciones con afecto hasta su retorno.

Que Dios los bendiga y los guarde en su cuidado.
Padre Gregorio y su personal de la parroquia

PD Por favor, sea generoso en sus donaciones de Navidad para que podamos cumplir con nuestras facturas de fin de año. Muchas gracias.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 19

9am Lloyd Smith, Jr
11am Mary O'Brien
12:30pm Eustorgio Rodriguez

Monday, December 20

9am Enrico Tramontano

Tuesday, December 21

9am Julia Cimorelli

Wednesday, December 22

9am Ronald Ellard, Sr.

Thursday, December 23

9am Communion Service

Friday, December 24

9am Joseph A. Cushing
5pm Cecilia, Michael & Baby Jackie Ricetti
Midnight Antonio Lofaro

Saturday, December 25

11am Antonio Lofaro

Sunday, December 26

9am Suzanne O'Connor
11am Kathleen O'Donnell
12:30pm Jerry Farnen

OFFERINGS FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 19, 2021– DECEMBER 25, 2021

BREAD & WINE

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



CHRISTMAS WREATHS



*The Christmas Wreaths that adorn our church have been
donated by family and friends:*

In Loving Memory of Gregory Dixon
In Loving Memory of the Barnas and Szala Families
In Loving Memory of Elizabeth Duran
In Loving Memory of Peggy and John Garvey
In Loving Memory of the Kearns and Lavelle Families
In Loving Memory of Walter J. Nelson Jr.
In Loving Memory of the Petersen Family & Lyons Reilly Family
In Loving Memory of Alfonso T. Riviezzo
In Loving Memory of Ann and Andrew Andersen
In Loving Memory of Mary & Steve DeSorro & Dorothy Finn
In Loving Memory of Bill Shea
In Loving Memory of the deceased members of St. Andrew the
Apostle Parish
In Loving Memory of the deceased members of the Burke and
Ryan Families
In Loving Memory of the deceased members of the McPartlan
and Finnegan Families
Merry Christmas from the Durkin Family
Merry Christmas from the Duran Family
Merry Christmas from the Maiorana Family
Merry Christmas from the Pucciarelli Family
Merry Christmas from the Sisters of Mercy
Merry Christmas love the Woods Family

IN OUR PRAYERS

Remember the sick of our parish in your prayers.
Denise Homsany, John Lesica

**Pray for all those who have gone before us
marked with the sign of faith, especially**
Patrick Hyland, Kathleen Lavelle

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

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