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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME + SEPTEMBER 7TH 2025

Weekend Masses
Sunday: 10am (English) & 12:30pm (en Español)

Weekday Masses
Daily: 9am, Tuesdays: 7pm en Español (at OLA),
Wednesdays: 7pm en Español (except July & August)

Holy Day Masses
9am (English), 7pm (en Español)

Morning Prayer
8:45am

Parish House Hours
Monday-Wednesday: 9:30am - 3:30pm
Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday: Closed

For emergencies and to make arrangements for sick calls, wakes or funerals, call (718) 836-7200 for the priest on call

Sacrament of Baptism
To register for Baptism, please schedule an appointment with Ann Smyth (standrewreledu@gmail.com or 718-680-1010 Ext. 20). Bring the child's birth certificate. Preparation classes are attended the second Saturday of the month (1pm in Spanish and 3pm in English). Classes will be held no earlier than one month prior to the scheduled baptism. Baptisms are celebrated with the community during masses at Saturday vigil or Sunday mornings. There will be no baptisms during the Lenten season.

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday at 4:30pm before 5:00pm Mass at Our Lady of Angels

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.

St. Andrew The Apostle

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The Mass is the place where Heaven and Earth meet - where, as the psalmist wrote: Love and truth will meet; justice and peace will kiss; truth will spring from the earth; justice will look down from heaven. (Ps 85:1112)

ENHANCE YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE MASS

Join us after the 10am Mass in Kiernan Hall
on these Sundays:

September 21 and November 2
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD
when the treasures of the Bible are opened up to us

January 11 and March 15
THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST
when we participate in the Supper of the Lord

Fr. Kevin will give a presentation which will be followed by an open discussion. A Continental Breakfast will be served.

Sunday, September 7th , 2025
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, September 6th
9:00 am People of the Parish

SUNDAY, September 7th
10:00 am Montemarano, Daus & Migliore Families +
12:30 pm Blanca Montiel + Cesar Hernandez + Maira Vianey + Lorenzo Contreras +

MONDAY, September 8th
9:00 am Nympha & Patrick Kevin Cody

TUESDAY, September 9th
9:00 am People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, September 10th
9:00 am Caridad B. Santos + Jose T. Santos +
7:00pm Gregorio Xique Mendez

THURSDAY, September 11th
9:00 am Carmine & Vincenza Squitieri +

FRIDAY, September 12th
9:00 am St. Andrew Jornada

SATURDAY, September 13th
9:00 am Constance Class + & Friends

SUNDAY, September 14th
10:00 am Frances Svrcek
12:30 pm Fr. Nelson Gerardo Tlatelpa Sosa

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GROUP FOOD PANTRY

Your donations to the pantry of non-perishable food is truly appreciated. We are also in need of pasta, rice, hot cereal, jelly, coffee, tea, Jello and salad dressing. Please place your donations in the baskets located in the Gathering Spaces. Checks made payable to St. Andrew's Food Pantry may be placed in the rectory mail slot or placed in the larger containers inside the door of the church. The next monthly distribution is on Wednesday, September 17th, from 9:45am to 11am, in Kiernan Hall. ID is not necessary.

Sus donaciones a la despensa de alimentos no perecederos son realmente apreciadas. También necesitamos pasta, arroz, cereales calientes, mermelada, café, té, gelatina y aderezo para ensaladas. Coloque sus donaciones en las canastas ubicadas en los Espacios de Reunión. Los cheques pagaderos a la Despensa de Alimentos de San Andrés pueden colocarse en la ranura de correo de la rectoría o colocarse en los contenedores más grandes dentro de la puerta de la iglesia. La próxima distribución mensual es el miércoles 17 de septiembre, de 9:45 a.m. a 11 a.m., en Kiernan Hall. No es necesario un documento de identidad.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 7, 2025
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Luke 14:25-33

The Lord Jesus chides us in this week's Gospel, too. He uses the two images of a man building a tower and a king marching soldiers into war to make this single point: acquire what is needed to follow him or look ridiculous. We rightly mock the builder who lacks money for his tower and the king with a short-handed army. But our mocking boomerangs back on us. How do we expect to follow Jesus to the end with insufficient detachment from our possessions and divided hearts?

The good news is, there is still time. Jesus is building a great tower to heaven–his own body. So we renounce all and give ourselves to him as his precious stones. Jesus is waging a battle against our enemy. So we forsake all and swear allegiance and march under his banner. In this way, we will finish what has begun in our discipleship. Or better put, our Lord will have the stones and soldiers required to see his great work through.

— *Father John Muir*

7 de septiembre de 2025
23.er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Lucas 14:25-33

El Señor Jesús también nos reprende en el Evangelio de esta semana. Usa las imágenes de un hombre que construye una torre y un rey que marcha con soldados a la guerra para enfatizar un solo punto: adquirir lo necesario para seguirlo o quedar en ridículo. Con razón nos burlamos del constructor que no tiene dinero para su torre y del rey con un ejército escaso. Pero nuestras burlas se vuelven en nuestra contra. ¿Cómo esperamos seguir a Jesús hasta el final sin un desapego suficiente de nuestras posesiones y con corazones divididos?

La buena noticia es que aún hay tiempo. Jesús está construyendo una gran torre hacia el cielo: su propio cuerpo. Por eso, renunciamos a todo y nos entregamos a él como sus piedras preciosas. Jesús está librando una batalla contra nuestro enemigo. Así que lo dejamos todo, juramos lealtad y marchamos bajo su estandarte. De esta manera, terminaremos lo que hemos comenzado en nuestro discipulado. O mejor dicho, nuestro Señor tendrá las piedras y los soldados necesarios para llevar a cabo su gran obra.

— *Padre John Muir*

Altar Candles : In memory of Constance Class

Bread & Wine: In memory of Richard Squitieri

ON THE CALENDAR

**Church is open from 8:30am-1:00pm for private devotion*

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
9am Mass
7pm Jornada Group Meeting (KH)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
9am Mass
9:15am English Class (PH)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
9am Mass
9:30am Miraculous Medal Novena (CHU)
6pm Hora Santa/Rosario/Confesión
7pm Mass (Spanish)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
9am Mass
9:15am English Class (PH)
9:30am Rosary (CHU)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
9am Mass

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
9am Mass
9:30am Anointing of the Sick - after Mass
9:30am Spanish Advisory (PH)
9:30am Unción de los Enfermos
11am Liturgy Committee (PH)
1pm Clase de preparación para el bautismo (español)
3pm Baptism Preparation Class (English)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
10am Mass (Backpack Blessing)
11am Care for Creation Parish Pilgrimage to Narrows Community Garden
12:30pm Mass (Spanish) (Backpack Blessing)
1:30pm Bible Study (Spanish) (CHU/KH)

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN HELP ST. ANDREW WITH YOUR IRA?

The IRA charitable distributions provisions permit an individual who has reached the age of 70.5 to make a qualified charitable distribution [QDC] from an IRA or an individual retirement annuity (not a SEP, simple retirement account or inherited IRA) to a qualified charity without treating the distribution as taxable income. Additionally, the distribution to charity will satisfy the required minimum distribution [RMD] rules. The IRA charitable distribution rules require that: you must be 70.5 and the distribution must be made directly from your IRA to a qualified charity. Making a charitable gift from an IRA is more efficient than receiving the IRA distribution and then using it to make the gift. If you receive the IRA distribution, you must include it in adjusted gross income. This can increase the tax on your Social Security benefits and medical insurance premiums can increase. Ask your IRA custodian about making your contributions to St. Andrew through your IRA.

August 31st, 2025
Attendance: 257
1st Collection: $2,312
2nd Collection (Catch Up): $738

September 1st, 2024 (Last Year)
Attendance: 295
1st Collection: $4,055
2nd Collection (Catch Up): $2,334

Annual Catholic Appeal 2025
Goal: $35,719
Pledged: $33,372
Received: $30,135.02

The Season of Creation 2025 will take place from **September 1 to October 4, 2025.** This year's theme is "Peace with Creation," which emphasizes the need for harmony between humanity and the environment.

Here at St. Andrew's we will be observing the Season of Creation with the following events, organized by the St. Andrew's Care for Creation Ministry:

Sept. 1 is the **World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation** and the feast day of St. Fiacre, patron of gardeners. At the 9 AM Mass, we will offer a special blessing and prayer to launch the Season of Creation.

Sept. 14 is our **Pilgrimage** to the Narrows Botanical Garden at 70th Street and Shore Road. **All** are invited to join us. We will depart St. Andrew's at 11:00 after a prayer in the St. Kateri Garden and walk the half mile or so to NBG.

Sept. 28, at the 10:00 **Mass** and the 12:30 Mass we will focus our worship on caring for Earth, our common home.

Oct. 4 (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) at 11:30 is our opportunity to bring our animal friends for the **Blessing of the Animals.**

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Numbers 21:4b-9
Psalm 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38
Philippians 2:6-11
John 3:13-17

LECTURAS PARA EL PRÓXIMO DOMINGO

XXIV Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario:
Números 21:4b-9
Salmo 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38
Filipenses 2:6-11
Juan 3:13-17

ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE RC CHURCH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO REGISTER!

Here's a quick and easy way to register for Religious Education this coming Fall. Just scan the QR code and let your fingers do the walking!

Classes held:
Thursdays (3:45pm to 5:15pm) Grades 1 to 5 Saturdays (10am to 11:30am) Grades 1 to 6 Fridays (7pm to 8:30pm) Grade 7 & 8
Parents are encouraged to register their children now. Remember, sacrament preparation is a two-year process and your child's faith is a life-long commitment!
If you have any questions, please contact Ann Smyth (English), Director of Religious Education, at 718-680-1010 Ext. 20 or at StAndrewRelEdu@gmail.com OR Verenice Valerio (Assistant, bilingual) at vvaleriostandrew@gmail.com

EL PROGRAMA DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA - ¡NUNCA ES MUY TEMPRANO PARA REGISTRARSE!

Aquí hay una manera rápida y fácil de registrarse para la Educación Religiosa este próximo otoño. ¡Solo escanea el código QR y deja que tus dedos caminen!

Clases:
Jueves (3:45pm a 5:15pm) Grados 1 a 5 Sábados (10:00am a 11:30am) Grados 1 a 6 Viernes (7:00pm a 8:30pm) Grados 7 a 8
Se anima a los padres a inscribir a sus hijos ahora. Recuerden que la preparación sacramental es un proceso de dos años y la fe de su hijo es un compromiso para toda la vida.
Si tienen alguna pregunta, por favor, contacten a Ann Smyth (Inglés), Directoraa de Educación Religiosa, al 718-680-1010 Ext. 20 o al correo electrónico StAndrewRelEdu@gmail.com o a Verenice Valerio (Asistente, bilingüe) al correo electrónico vvaleriostandrew@gmail.com

PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US MARKED WITH THE SIGN OF FAITH, ESPECIALLY

Alberto Serrano, Carmela Hernandez, Duncan Huie, Irene Montanez, Michael Daw, Vivian Cirillo, Megan Gilhooley, Ray Wendt

REMEMBER THE SICK OF OUR PARISH IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sean Murphy, Joe Flynn, Eydie & John Kitson, Francis Guarino, Dina Curet, Jacinta DeGraff, Myra McCabe, Gilberto Zappitello , Jim Smorto, Dalia Jimenez, Martin Murphy, Judith Moroney, Ed Wade, Jimmy Gallagher, Carol De Prizio, Donna O, Mary Bray, Eileen Franco, Mary Guarino

ATTENTION SICK OR HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

The beauty and the blessing of the Church is that it is a People not a building. Each weekend those of us who are able come to Mass to offer our prayers and to receive God's Word in the Scriptures and the Holy Communion. If you are sick or homebound you are still the Church and you have not been forgotten by your parish community. Call the Parish House Office at 718-680-1010, tell us of your desire to be visited, and a Eucharistic Minister will contact you and arrange a visit to pray with you, read the Gospel for the week, and bring you the Holy Communion.

ATENCIÓN FELIGRESES ENFERMOS O CONFINADOS EN CASA

La belleza y la bendición de la Iglesia es que es un pueblo, no un edificio. Cada fin de semana, aquellos de nosotros que podemos, venimos a Misa para ofrecer nuestras oraciones y recibir la Palabra de Dios en las Escrituras y la Santa Comunión. Si estás enfermo o confinado en casa, sigues siendo la Iglesia y no has sido olvidado por tu comunidad parroquial. Llame a la Oficina de la Casa Parroquial al 718-680-1010, cuéntenos de su desea ser visitado, y un Ministro de la Eucaristía se pondrá en contacto con usted y organizará una visita para rezar con usted, leer el Evangelio de la semana y llevarle la Sagrada Comunión.

Care for Creation

Please join the parishioners of St. Andrew's on Sunday, Sept. 14 for a Pilgrimage of Hope for the Season of Creation. The pilgrimage will begin with a prayer in the St. Kateri Garden in front of St. Andrew's at 11 AM, proceed to the Narrows Botanical Gardens at Shore Road and 70th St. and conclude with a prayer at the Allan Abrams Rose Garden, at approximately 11:30. If you can't do the pilgrimage, you can join us either at the beginning or at the end.

All are welcome!

Jornadas De Vida Cristiana

Grupo de Jornada / Jornada Group

The mission of our group is to give young people (age 12 and up) the tools to help themselves and others – "Youth helping youth". At the same time learning more about our Lord through: Bible discussions, group activities and community service. Please join us on Monday nights at 7pm at St. Andrew the Apostle Church. All are welcome!

La misión de nuestro grupo es brindar a los jóvenes (de 12 años en adelante) las herramientas para ayudarse a sí mismos y a los demás: "Jóvenes ayudando a los jóvenes". Al mismo tiempo aprendiendo más acerca de nuestro Señor a través de: discusiones bíblicas, actividades grupales y servicio comunitario. Acompáñenos los lunes a las 7pm en la Iglesia de San Andrés el Apóstol. ¡Bienvenidos todos!

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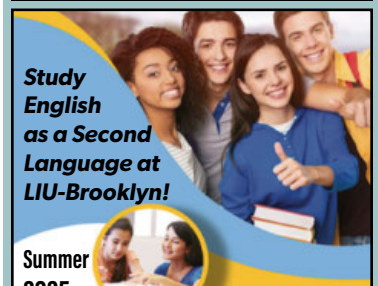

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Summer 2025 Semester:

May 5 thru August 14

Last day to register is Friday, May 16th!

Up to 100% financial aid for those who qualify.

Call or email us for more information!

Green card holders and US citizens are welcome to apply!

¡Estudia inglés como segundo idioma en LIU-Brooklyn!

Verano 2025 Semestre:

5 de mayo al 14 de agosto

¡El último día para registrarse es el viernes 16 de mayo!

Hasta 100% de ayuda financiera para quienes califiquen.

¡Llámanos o envíanos un correo electrónico para obtener más información!

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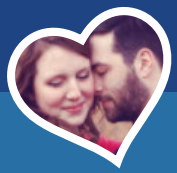

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