Saint Andrew The Apostle Roman Catholic Church

Brooklyn, New York

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

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME + SEPTEMBER 20TH 2026

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

Weekday Masses
Daily: 9am, Tuesdays: 7pm en Español (at OLA),
Wednesdays: 7pm en Español (except June, 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 Our Lady of Angels 11am-12pm and 3:30pm-4:45pm; and at St Andrew by appointment (call 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.

St. Andrew The Apostle
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Closed: Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday

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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, October 21st from 9:45am to 11am, in Kiernan Hall. ID is not necessary. Distribution is every 3rd Wednesday of the month.

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 21 de octubre, de 9:45 a.m. a 11 a.m., en Kiernan Hall. No es necesario un documento de identidad. La distribución se realiza el tercer miércoles de cada mes.

Sunday, September 20th, 2026
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, September 19th
9:00 am Willie the Pizza Man Mariano, for his children and grandchildren +

SUNDAY, September 20th
10:00 am Michael Migliore +
12:30 pm Edward Vincent Cortes +

MONDAY, September 21st
9:00 am Patricia King +

TUESDAY, September 22nd
9:00 am Frank McNamara +

WEDNESDAY, September 23rd
9:00 am Genara ,Fabian & Danilo Sanez +

THURSDAY, September 24th
9:00 am Rev. Edward Kiernan +

FRIDAY, September 25th
9:00 am Ruben, Arturo & Abraham Bautista +

SATURDAY, September 26th
9:00 am Camila Rosano +

SUNDAY, September 27th
10:00 am Francis & Felix Avitabile +
12:30 pm

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SEPTEMBER 20TH: A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS
This course explores the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience in the Liturgy and explains their profound significance

OCTOBER 5TH – 11TH "REBUILD MY CHURCH"
Join parishes throughout the country on an exploration of God's command to St. Francis of Assisi, to revitalize the Church through humility, poverty and devotion to the Gospel.

To join, visit hallow.com/parish, search the OLA zipcode 11209 and choose OLA-St. Andrews-St. Anselm's and follow the prompts. Or download the Hallow app.

Or use the QR code here:

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 20, 2026
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 20:1-16

Every December, the priests of my diocese gather for a Christmas dinner with our bishop. Nearly 200 of us in one room: newly ordained and long retired, pastors of large parishes and quiet confessors, men full of energy and others moving more slowly. Some carry visible success; others bear hidden wounds. It is a tapestry of vocations and lives. When the bishop thanks us, I am always moved. For a moment, none of our differences matter. What matters is that we belong to one another.

I usually leave that evening with a deep sense of peace, but also with a sober realization. Nothing drains joy from the vineyard of the Lord faster than comparison. The quiet habit of measuring, ranking, and resenting can creep in even among those who sincerely serve God.

That is what Jesus exposes in today's parable of the workers in the vineyard. The early laborers are not upset because they were treated unjustly; they are angry because others were treated generously. Their resentment blinds them to the gift already in their hands. When the landowner asks, "Are you envious because I am generous?" he names the real wound.

This tension echoes throughout salvation history: the elder brother resenting the prodigal, the faithful servant scorning the latecomer. Jesus does not deny the labor of those who have borne the heat of the day, but he refuses to let God's mercy become a zero-sum game.

In the end, the vineyard's reward is not about fairness but belonging. The joy offered is communion with a generous Father, who delights in gathering early and late, strong and weak, into one household of grace.

— Father John Muir

20 de septiembre de 2026
Vigésimo quinto domingo del tiempo ordinario
Mateo 20, 1-16

Cada mes de diciembre, los sacerdotes de mi diócesis nos reunimos para una cena de Navidad con nuestro obispo. Somos casi doscientos en una misma sala: recién ordenados y jubilados desde hace mucho tiempo, párrocos de grandes comunidades y confesores discretos, hombres llenos de energía y otros que se mueven con más lentitud. Algunos exhiben éxitos visibles; otros llevan heridas ocultas. Es un mosaico de vocaciones y vidas. Cuando el obispo nos da las gracias, siempre me siento conmovido. Por un instante, nuestras diferencias no importan. Lo que importa es que nos pertenecemos unos a otros.

Por lo general, al terminar la velada me marcho con una profunda sensación de paz, pero también con una sobria reflexión. Nada marchita más rápido la alegría en la viña del Señor que la comparación. El hábito silencioso de medir, clasificar y guardar resentimiento puede infiltrarse incluso entre quienes sirven a Dios con sinceridad.

Eso es precisamente lo que Jesús pone de manifiesto en la parábola de hoy sobre los trabajadores de la viña. Los primeros jornaleros no se molestan porque se les haya tratado injustamente; se enfadan porque a otros se les trató con generosidad. Su resentimiento les impide ver el don que ya tienen en sus manos. Cuando el dueño de la viña pregunta: «¿Vas a tener envidia porque yo soy generoso?», señala la verdadera herida.

Esta tensión resuena a lo largo de la historia de la salvación: el hermano mayor que guarda rencor al hijo pródigo, el siervo fiel que desprecia al que llega tarde. Jesús no niega el esfuerzo de quienes han soportado el calor de la jornada, pero se niega a permitir que la misericordia de Dios se convierta en un juego de suma cero.

Al final, la recompensa de la viña no se trata de justicia distributiva, sino de pertenencia. La alegría que se ofrece es la comunión con un Padre generoso, que se deleita reuniendo a los que llegan temprano y a los que llegan tarde, a los fuertes y a los débiles, en una misma familia de gracia.

— Padre John Muir

ON THE CALENDAR

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
9am Mass
7pm Jornada Group Meeting (KH)
7pm Parish Council Mtg

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
9am Mass
9:30am English Classes

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
9am Mass
9:30am Miraculous Medal Novena (CHU)
6pm Hora Santa/Rosario/Confesión
7pm Mass (Spanish)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
9am Mass
9:30am Rosary (CH)
9:30am English Classes

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
9am Mass
7pm Religious Education (CH) Grades HS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
9am Religious Education (PH/CH) Grades
9am Mass
2pm Quinceañera (Camila)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
10am Mass (Cathechetical Blessing)
12:30pm Mass (Spanish)
1:30pm Our Lady Guadalupe Committee 2026 (KH)

Care for Creation

Water is indispensable to life, it has a great similarity to Your Spirit. In You we live, we move and have our being. We would die without you. In the same way in water we live, we move and have our being. Without water we would die. Your spirit cleanses our souls of our sins just as water cleanses our bodies. You have invited us to drink of the living waters of Your Spirit so that we may live eternally; we also need to drink water in order to live our earthly existence.Thanks to water we have food that comes from the earth that has been irrigated in order to be fertile. Water brings life to creation.

Cuidado de la Creación

El agua es indispensable para la vida; guarda una gran semejanza con tu Espíritu. En Ti vivimos, nos movemos y existimos; sin Ti, moriríamos. Del mismo modo, en el agua vivimos, nos movemos y existimos; sin agua, moriríamos. Tu Espíritu limpia nuestras almas de nuestros pecados, tal como el agua limpia nuestros cuerpos. Nos has invitado a beber de las aguas vivas de tu Espíritu para que vivamos eternamente; también necesitamos beber agua para vivir nuestra existencia terrenal. Gracias al agua tenemos alimentos provenientes de la tierra, la cual ha sido regada para volverse fértil. El agua da vida a la creación.

September 13th, 2026	**September 14th, 2025**
Attendance: 310	Attendance: 297
1st Collection: $3212	1st Collection: $3700
2nd Collection (Repairs/Reno): $698	2nd Collection (Repairs/Reno): $1222

Online Giving (August 2026): $2127

Thank you for your generosity.
¡Gracias por su generosidad!

Annual Catholic Appeal 2026
Goal: $32,147.00
Pledged: $21,300.00
Received: $19,620.00
Donors 74

Annual Catholic Appeal
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Please prayerfully consider making pledge. Thank you to those who have already made a pledge.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

September 27th, 2026
Reading 1: Ezekiel 18:25-28
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Reading 2: Philippians 2:1-11
Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

LECTURAS PARA EL PRÓXIMO DOMINGO

27 de septiembre de 2026
Primera lectura: Ezequiel 18, 25-28
Salmo responsorial: Salmo 25, 4-5. 6-7. 8-9
Segunda lectura: Filipenses 2, 1-11
Evangelio: Mateo 21, 28-32

English Classes begin in September

Fall English Classes begin on Tuesday, September 15 from 9:30 am – 11:00 am in the Parish House next to St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Church, Ridge and Senator. Classes meet every Tuesday and Thursday and end on November 19. All are welcome. There is no charge and materials are provided.

Questions, text or call LaNell Schultheis at 443-859-0243 or email at lanell.schultheis@gmail.com .

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

AJ DeLaurentis, Martin J. Lavelle, Joanne Goodman, James F. Clark, James O'Rourke, Sr. Maureen Bradshaw, Francesco Balistrieri, John Carlo Rossitto, Anne Vitabile, Eileen Schmidt, Suzanne Whiteaker, Frances Campbell, Martha Susana Quinga Rivera, Donna M O'Connor

REMEMBER THE SICK OF OUR PARISH IN YOUR PRAYERS

Daniel Meadows, Emily Willis, Frances Coralla, Eydie, John Kitson, Salvatore DiPeri, Richard Dodd, Joann Roberts, Rose and Mickey Baer, Russell Tonnesen, Jeanne Morton, Shaun O'Rourke, Mary & Rosa

Bread & Wine: In loving memory of Elizabeth Dislane, given by Ed & Maria Barnas

Altar Candles: In loving memory of Elizabeth Dislane, given by Ed & Maria Barnas

Tabernacle Candle: In loving memory of Elizabeth Dislane, given by Ed & Maria Barnas

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC OR COMPLETING YOUR SACRAMENTS?

OCIA – Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you an adult who would like to receive **Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation**, or complete the sacraments you have not yet received?

Our OCIA program will begin the **last week of September**. You are warmly invited to learn more about the Catholic faith and prepare for the sacraments.

English Sessions: Wednesdays, 7:00–8:00 PM **Spanish Sessions:** Sundays, 9:00–10:30 AM

For information, please contact Rocio Castillo-Siegel, **Director of Faith Formation at Our Lady of Angels,** at f**aithformation@ourladyofangels.church**. She will be happy to welcome you, answer your questions, and explain the program.

¿ESTÁ INTERESADO EN SER CATÓLICO O COMPLETAR SUS SACRAMENTOS?

OCIA – Orden de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos

¿Es usted un adulto que desea recibir **el Bautismo, la Primera Comunión y la Confirmación**, o completar los sacramentos que aún no ha recibido?

Nuestro programa de OCIA comenzará **la última semana de septiembre**. Le invitamos cordialmente a conocer más sobre la fe católica y prepararse para recibir los sacramentos.

Sesiones en inglés: Miércoles, 7:00–8:00 PM **Sesiones en español**: Domingos, 9:00–10:30 AM Para más información, comuníquese con Rocio Castillo-Siegel, **Directora de Formación en la Fe de Our Lady of Angels**, al **faithformation@ourladyofangels.church**. Con mucho gusto le dará la bienvenida, responderá sus preguntas y le explicará el programa.

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