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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME + SEPTEMBER 27TH 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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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 27th, 2026
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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

MONDAY, September 28th
9:00 am Edward Coyle +

TUESDAY, September 29th
9:00 am James F. Clark +

WEDNESDAY, September 30th
9:00 am Anthony J. Delourentis +
7:00 pm For our Spanish ministry

THURSDAY, October 1st
9:00 am Joseph Lutfy +

FRIDAY, October 2nd
9:00 am Bisch & Walsh Families +

SATURDAY, October 3rd
9:00 am Michael Ingersoll +

SUNDAY, October 4th
10:00 am Philomena & Kenneth De Groote +
12:30 pm Teresa Medina y Selestino Cornejo +

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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:

Issues with app access? Contact parishsupport@hallow.app.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 27, 2026
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 21:28 32

This Sunday, Jesus tells a short, uncomfortable story. A father asks two sons to go work in the vineyard. One says no, but later goes. The other says yes, but never shows up. It is a parable so simple, we almost miss how sharp it is. Jesus is clear about who it is for. This is not aimed at pagans or outsiders. It is aimed squarely at religious people, people who know the right words and sound obedient.
Jesus is not condemning unbelief so much as disobedience. The polite hypocrisy that says the right things while quietly resisting the Father's will. St. John Chrysostom put it bluntly, "Not words, but deeds, are what God requires. Nothing so exasperates Him as insincere obedience, while nothing so delights Him as repentance."
Every disciple must face that mirror. Do I publicly profess faith in Christ while privately resisting what He asks of me? It is easy to say, I believe in God in my heart. But if faith never becomes action, it slowly becomes an illusion.
Jesus does not expose hypocrisy to shame us. He reveals it to heal us. He wants our hearts and our deeds to speak the same word, to let our yes truly mean yes. Like the second son who initially refused but afterwards changed his mind and went, Jesus invites us to step into the Father's will, however late, however imperfectly.
Challenge: Where are your public faith and private obedience divided? Where do you say, I will go, but never enter the vineyard? Go, get to work, even if it is late. The Father's vineyard is still open.

— Father John Muir

27 de septiembre de 2026
Vigésimo sexto domingo del tiempo ordinario
Mateo 21, 28-32

Este domingo, Jesús cuenta una historia breve e incómoda. Un padre pide a dos hijos que vayan a trabajar a la viña. Uno dice que no, pero luego va. El otro dice que sí, pero nunca aparece. Es una parábola tan sencilla que casi pasamos por alto lo incisiva que es. Jesús deja claro a quién va dirigida. No está dirigida a paganos ni a personas ajenas a la fe. Va dirigida directamente a las personas religiosas, a quienes conocen las palabras adecuadas y parecen obedientes.
Jesús no condena tanto la falta de fe como la desobediencia: esa hipocresía cortés que dice lo correcto mientras, en silencio, se resiste a la voluntad del Padre. San Juan Crisóstomo lo expresó con franqueza: «Dios no pide palabras, sino obras. Nada le exaspera tanto como la obediencia fingida, mientras que nada le complace tanto como el arrepentimiento».
Todo discípulo debe mirarse en ese espejo. ¿Profeso públicamente mi fe en Cristo mientras, en privado, me resisto a lo que Él me pide? Es fácil decir: «Creo en Dios en mi corazón». Pero si la fe nunca se convierte en acción, poco a poco se transforma en una ilusión.
Jesús no pone al descubierto la hipocresía para avergonzarnos, sino para sanarnos. Quiere que nuestro corazón y nuestras obras expresen lo mismo, que nuestro «sí» signifique realmente «sí». Al igual que el segundo hijo, que inicialmente se negó pero luego cambió de parecer y fue, Jesús nos invita a entrar en la voluntad del Padre, aunque sea tarde o de manera imperfecta.
Desafío: ¿Dónde se separan tu fe pública y tu obediencia privada? ¿En qué situaciones dices «iré», pero nunca entras en la viña? Ve, ponte a trabajar, aunque sea tarde. La viña del Padre sigue abierta.

— Padre John Muir

ON THE CALENDAR

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
9am Mass
7pm Jornada Group Meeting (KH)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
9am Mass
9:30am English Classes (PH)

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1
9am Mass
9:30am Rosary (CH)
9:30am English Classes (PH)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2
9am Mass
9:30am Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento
9:30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass
7pm Religious Education (CH) Grades 7-HS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3
9am Religious Education (PH/CH) Grades
9am Mass
10:30am Dance Rehearsal OLG (KH)
11am Blessing of Animals (Garden)
2pm Baptism (Ethan & Delayza)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
10am Mass
11am Blessing of the Kateri Garden
12:30pm Mass (Spanish)
1:30pm Bible Study (Spanish)

Care for Creation/Season of Creation--Living Water

We look around and I see that water is becoming very scarce. The good water that we need so much is disappearing.
Too much water caused by storms and heavy rains is becoming a great problem. The floods are causing destruction to crops, property, animals and human life. Many po calamities caused by water. By contrast lack of water is causing a lot of human suffering and many areas of the earth are having droughts which are causing many losses. We are losing our crops, beings are losing their lives too.

Cuidado de la Creación / Tiempo de la Creación — Agua Viva.

Al mirar a nuestro alrededor, veo que el agua se está volviendo muy escasa. El agua buena que tanto necesitamos está desapareciendo. El exceso de agua, provocado por t inundaciones causan destrucción en cultivos, propiedades, animales y vidas humanas. Muchas personas pobres se quedan sin hogar ni empleo debido a las calamidades causadas por el agua. Por el contrario, la falta de agua provoca gran sufrimiento humano pérdidas. Perdemos nuestros cultivos, mueren animales, la tierra se vuelve estéril y muchos seres humanos también pierden la vida.

September 21st, 2026	**September 21st, 2025**
Attendance: 253	Attendance: 306
1st Collection: $2616	1st Collection: $4321
2nd Collection (Seton Trust): $445	2nd Collection (Seton Trust): $358

Online Giving
(August 2026): $2127

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

Annual Catholic Appeal 2026
Goal: $32,147.00
Pledged: $21,710.00
Received: $20,212.00
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

October 4th, 2026
Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7
Responsorial Psalm: 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20
Reading 2: Philippians 4:6-9
Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

LECTURAS PARA EL PRÓXIMO DOMINGO

4 de octubre de 2026
Lectura: Isaías 5, 1-7
Salmo responsorial: 80, 9. 12. 13-14. 15-16. 19-20
Segunda lectura: Filipenses 4, 6-9
Evangelio: Mateo 21, 33-43

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

Frances Campbell, Martha Susana Quinga Rivera, Donna M O'Connor, Salvatore Diperi, Rachal Smorte, and Virginia Mercado, Rose Baer

REMEMBER THE SICK OF OUR PARISH IN YOUR PRAYERS

Daniel Meadows, Emily Willis, Frances Coralla, Eydie, John Kitson, Richard Dodd, Joann Roberts, Mickey Baer, Jeanne Morton, Shaun O'Rourke, Mary & Rosa, Peggy Murray

Bread & Wine: In loving memory of Marie Dockery given by Lucille Squitieri

Altar Candles: In loving memory of Salvatore Squitieri given by Lucille Squitieri

Tabernacle Candle: In loving memory of Salvatore Squitieri given by Lucille Squitieri

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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