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-EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME + OCTOBER 11TH 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, October 11th, 2026
TWENTY-EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, October 10th
9:00 am Michael R. Rindone +

SUNDAY, October 11th
10:00 am Joachum Guarino +
12:30 pm Martha Susana Quinga Rivera +

MONDAY, October 12th
9:00 am John Carlo Rossitto +

TUESDAY, October 13th
9:00 am Anne Lavelle +

WEDNESDAY, October 14th
9:00 am Ann Lessing +
7:00 pm

THURSDAY, October 15th
9:00 am Beyond the Grave: Joseph Corbett , Clara Diperi, Salvatore Diperi & Ida Cucio +

FRIDAY, October 16th
9:00 am Francesco Balistriei

SATURDAY, October 17th
9:00 am James Clark +

SUNDAY, October 18th
10:00 am Danilo Sanez +
12:30 pm

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

October 11, 2026
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 22:1-14

Some friends invited me to one of the most famous and expensive restaurants in the country. I was grateful and eager to go. One invited friend even flew from another state for the experience. Every bite and sip was truly memorable and delicious. But my friends' teenage children spent much of the time on their phones, complained about the food, and generally ignored the once-in-a-lifetime experience. I wanted to yell, "C'mon, you guys! Look what you're missing!"

In today's parable, Jesus describes people invited to an amazing wedding feast who respond with inexplicable indifference. He says, "Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business" (Matthew 22:5). The problem is not that they choose evil but that they allow other desires to distract them from an amazing opportunity. The feast is prepared, but their hearts are elsewhere. In Christ Jesus, God offers each of us a wildly extravagant offer: a place at the wedding banquet between heaven and earth.

What are your current excuses for the delay in engaging with Jesus? How are you postponing a deepening of your relationship with him under the guise of responsibility? The good news is that the feast is ready. His invitation remains. Hear the Lord say to us, "C'mon, guys! Look what you're missing!" Then respond with concrete action.

— Father John Muir

11 de octubre de 2026
Vigésimo octavo domingo del tiempo ordinario
Mateo 22, 1-14

Unos amigos me invitaron a uno de los restaurantes más famosos y costosos del país. Me sentí agradecido y entusiasmado por ir. Incluso uno de los invitados viajó en avión desde otro estado para vivir la experiencia. Cada bocado y cada sorbo fueron verdaderamente memorables y deliciosos. Sin embargo, los hijos adolescentes de mis amigos pasaron gran parte del tiempo con sus teléfonos, se quejaron de la comida y, en general, ignoraron aquella experiencia única en la vida. Me daban ganas de gritar: «¡Vamos, chicos! ¡Miren lo que se están perdiendo!».

En la parábola de hoy, Jesús describe a personas invitadas a un banquete de bodas extraordinario que responden con una indiferencia inexplicable. Él dice: «Algunos no hicieron caso de la invitación y se fueron: uno a su campo, otro a sus negocios» (Mateo 22, 5). El problema no es que elijan el mal, sino que permiten que otros deseos los distraigan de una oportunidad maravillosa. El banquete está preparado, pero sus corazones están en otra parte. En Cristo Jesús, Dios nos hace a cada uno de nosotros una oferta extraordinariamente generosa: un lugar en el banquete de bodas entre el cielo y la tierra.

¿Cuáles son tus excusas actuales para retrasar el encuentro con Jesús? ¿Cómo estás posponiendo profundizar tu relación con Él bajo el pretexto de la responsabilidad? La buena noticia es que el banquete está listo. Su invitación sigue en pie. Escucha al Señor decirnos: «¡Vamos, chicos! ¡Miren lo que se están perdiendo!». Y luego, responde con una acción concreta.

— Padre John Muir

ON THE CALENDAR

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12
Office Closed
9am Mass
7pm Jornada Group Meeting (KH)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13
9am Mass
9:30am English Classes (PH)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14
9am Mass
9:30am Communion and Liberation (PH)
9:30am Miraculous Medal Novena (CHU)
6pm Hora Santa/Rosario/Confesión
7pm Mass (Spanish)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15
9am Mass (Beyond the Grave Mass)
9:30am Rosary (CH)
9:30am English Classes (PH)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16
9am Mass
7pm Religious Education (CH) Grades 7-HS
9pm – 11pm - Jornada (KH)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17
9am Religious Education (PH/CH) Grades
9am Mass
2pm Baptism (Marisa)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18
Fair Trade Sale after all Masses
10am Mass
12:30pm Mass (Spanish)
1:30pm - Bible Study (Spanish)

Care for Creation

"The elders were wise. They knew that man's heart, away from nature, becomes hard; they knew that lack of respect for growing, living things soon led to a lack of respect for humans, too." Chief Luther Standing Bear, Lakota Sioux

¡Cuidado de la Creación

«Los ancianos eran sabios. Sabían que el corazón del hombre, lejos de la naturaleza, se endurece; sabían que la falta de respeto hacia los seres vivos en crecimiento pronto conducía también a la falta de respeto hacia los seres humanos». — Jefe Luther Standing Bear, Sioux Lakota

October 4th, 2026
Attendance: 324
1st Collection: $3899
2nd Collection
(Energy): $1255

October 6th, 2025
Attendance: 333
1st Collection: $5437
2nd Collection
(Energy): $623

Online Giving
(September 2026):
$2107

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

Annual Catholic Appeal 2026
Goal: $32,147.00
Pledged: $22,990.00
Received: $21,942.00
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 18th, 2026
Reading 1: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10
Reading 2: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

LECTURAS PARA EL PRÓXIMO DOMINGO

18 de octubre de 2026
Primera lectura: Isaías 45, 1. 4-6
Salmo responsorial: Salmo 96, 1. 3. 4-5. 7-8. 9-10
Segunda lectura: 1 Tesalonicenses 1, 1-5b
Evangelio: Mateo 22, 15-21

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, Virginia Mercado, and 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

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.

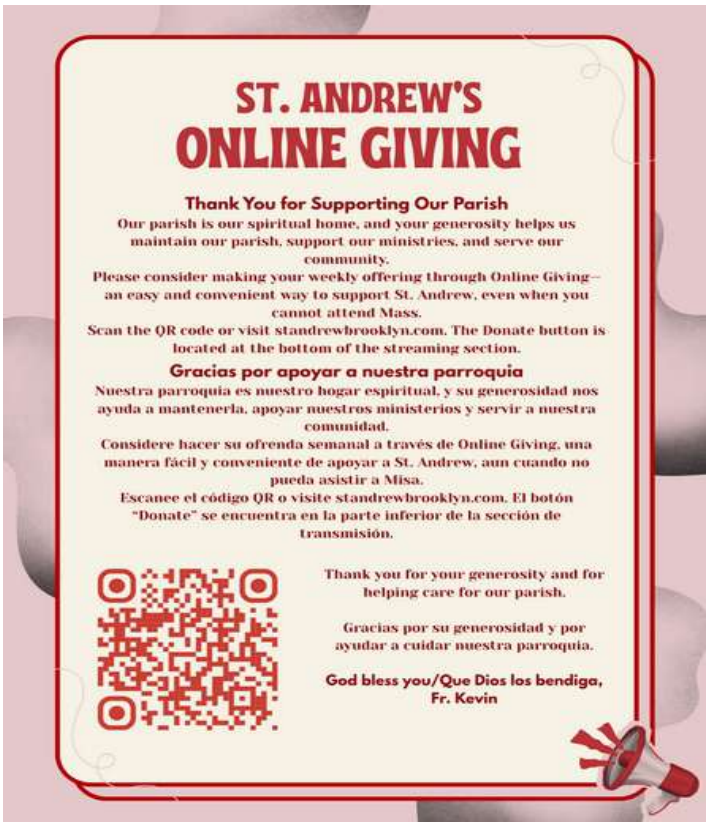
¿ESTÁ INTERESADO EN SER CATÓLICO O COMPLETAR SUS SACRAMENTOS?

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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