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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME + OCTOBER 18TH 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 18th, 2026
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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

MONDAY, October 19th
9:00 am Joanne Goodman +

TUESDAY, October 20th
9:00 am Mary Pepper +

WEDNESDAY, October 21st
9:00 am Jean MacCormack +
7:00 pm Giulia Cimorelli +

THURSDAY, October 22nd
9:00 am James O'Rourke +

FRIDAY, October 23rd
9:00 am Eileen Schmidt +

SATURDAY, October 24th
9:00 am James Clark +

SUNDAY, October 25th
10:00 am Loretta & John Hinchen +
12:30 pm

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

October 18, 2026
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 22:15-21

Occasionally, I'll slip into a parish I've never visited before, pick up the bulletin, and find one of my Gospel reflections. My heart usually swells with a bit of affection for my creation. I imprint a bit of myself into my little "literary labors of love." Anyone who has created something — a piece of writing, a garden, a meal, a child — knows that feeling. We love the things into which we put ourselves. We are happy when they return to us.

With this in mind, listen to Jesus' classic line in this Sunday's Gospel: "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God" (Matthew 22:21). He presents this little riddle to deepen the theme from taxes to human beings. A Roman coin bears Caesar's image, so it belongs to Caesar. Therefore, he has a legitimate claim to it. Fair enough. But what belongs to God? What bears His image? Every human being. God has imprinted Himself on every person. Which means everyone — including Caesar — belongs entirely to Him. Jesus, who is God's perfect image, has come to draw everyone back to God.

We can be tempted to imagine that our lives are made up of "things for God" and "things not for God." The good news is that no such division is possible because everything in life is a gift from God to us. Therefore, all is meant to be placed at the service of God's kingdom. He loves everything He has created. We have the privilege of giving it all back to Him.

— Father John Muir

18 de octubre de 2026
Vigésimo noveno domingo del tiempo ordinario
Mateo 22, 15-21

De vez en cuando, entro en una parroquia que no había visitado antes, tomo el boletín y encuentro una de mis reflexiones sobre el Evangelio. Por lo general, mi corazón se llena de cierto afecto hacia mi creación. Imprimo algo de mí mismo en estas pequeñas «obras literarias nacidas del amor». Cualquiera que haya creado algo —un escrito, un jardín, una comida, un hijo— conoce esa sensación. Amamos aquello en lo que nos hemos volcado. Nos sentimos felices cuando eso vuelve a nosotros.

Con esto en mente, escuchemos la célebre frase de Jesús en el Evangelio de este domingo: «Paguen al César lo que es del César y a Dios lo que es de Dios» (Mateo 22, 21). Él plantea este pequeño acertijo para profundizar en el tema, pasando de los impuestos a los seres humanos. Una moneda romana lleva la imagen del César, por lo que pertenece al César; por tanto, él tiene un derecho legítimo sobre ella. Es razonable. Pero ¿qué pertenece a Dios? ¿Qué lleva su imagen? Todo ser humano. Dios ha dejado su propia impronta en cada persona. Esto significa que todos —incluido el César— le pertenecen por completo. Jesús, que es la imagen perfecta de Dios, ha venido para atraer a todos de vuelta a Dios.

Podemos caer en la tentación de imaginar que nuestras vidas se componen de «cosas para Dios» y «cosas que no son para Dios». La buena noticia es que tal división no es posible, porque todo en la vida es un regalo de Dios para nosotros. Por consiguiente, todo está destinado a ponerse al servicio del Reino de Dios. Él ama todo lo que ha creado. Nosotros tenemos el privilegio de devolvérselo todo.

— Padre John Muir

ON THE CALENDAR

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19
9am Mass
7pm Jornada Group Meeting (KH)
7pm Parish Council

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20
9am Mass
9:30am English Classes (PH)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21
9am Mass
9:30am Communion and Liberation (PH)
9:30am Miraculous Medal Novena (CHU)
9:45am SVdP Food Distribution (KH)
6pm Hora Santa/Rosario/Confesión
7pm Mass (Spanish)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22
9am Mass
9:30am Rosary (CH)
9:30am English Classes (PH)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23
9am Mass
7pm Religious Education (CH) Grades 7-HS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24
9am Religious Education (PH/CH) Grades
9am Mass

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25
10am Mass
12:30pm Mass (Spanish)

Care for Creation

Does it matter if you vote in the upcoming election? Pope Francis thought so. In Laudato Si', he spoke of the need to "uphold high principles and think of the long-term common good." (178) and how "a healthy politics is needed, capable of reforming and coordinating institutions, promoting best practices and overcoming undue pressure and bureaucratic inertia." (181)

Cuidado de la Creación

¿Importa si votas en las próximas elecciones? El papa Francisco opinaba que sí. En *Laudato si'*, habló de la necesidad de «mantener principios elevados y pensar en el bien común a largo plazo» (178) y de cómo «se necesita una política sana, capaz de reformar y coordinar las instituciones, promover las mejores prácticas y superar las presiones indebidas y la inercia burocrática» (181).

October 11th, 2026
Attendance: 199
1st Collection: $2698
2nd Collection
(Repairs): $1306

October 12th, 2025
Attendance: 288
1st Collection: $1676
2nd Collection
(Repairs): $1175

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: $22,102.00
Donors 74

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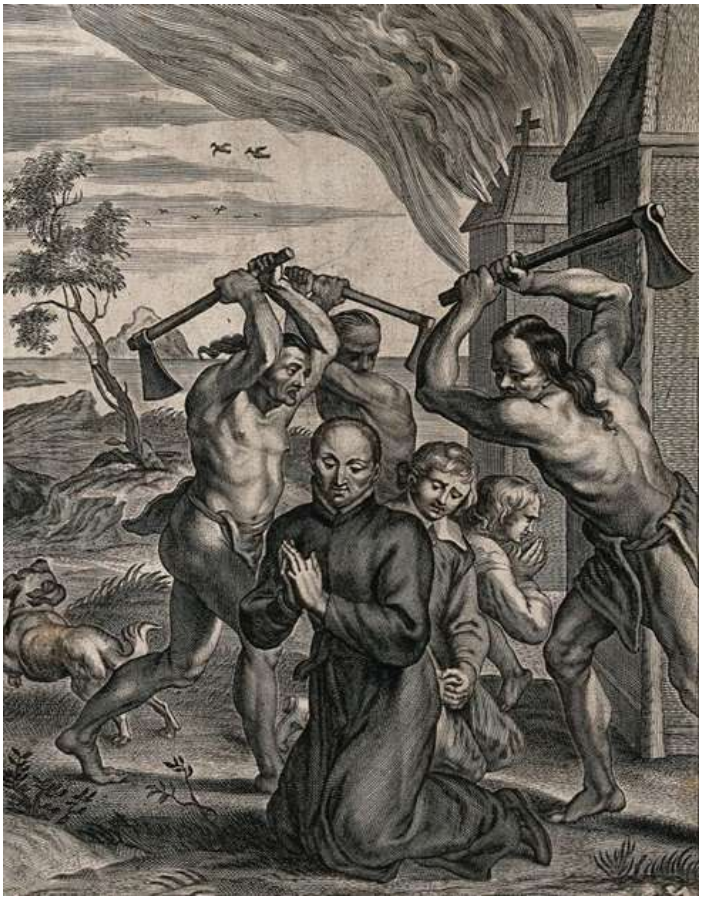
Please prayerfully consider making pledge. Thank you to those who have already made a pledge.



St. Isaac Jogues and Companions – Feast Day, October 19th

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

October 25th, 2026
Reading1: Exodus 22:20-26
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51
Reading 2: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

LECTURAS PARA EL PRÓXIMO DOMINGO

25 de octubre de 2026
Primera lectura: Éxodo 22, 20-26
Salmo responsorial: Salmo 18, 2-3. 3-4. 47. 51
Segunda lectura: 1 Tesalonicenses 1, 5c-10
Evangelio: Mateo 22, 34-40

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 17. 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, Rose Baer, Teresa Medina, and Selestino Comejo, Stephen Fiumefreddo

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, John Kindja

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.

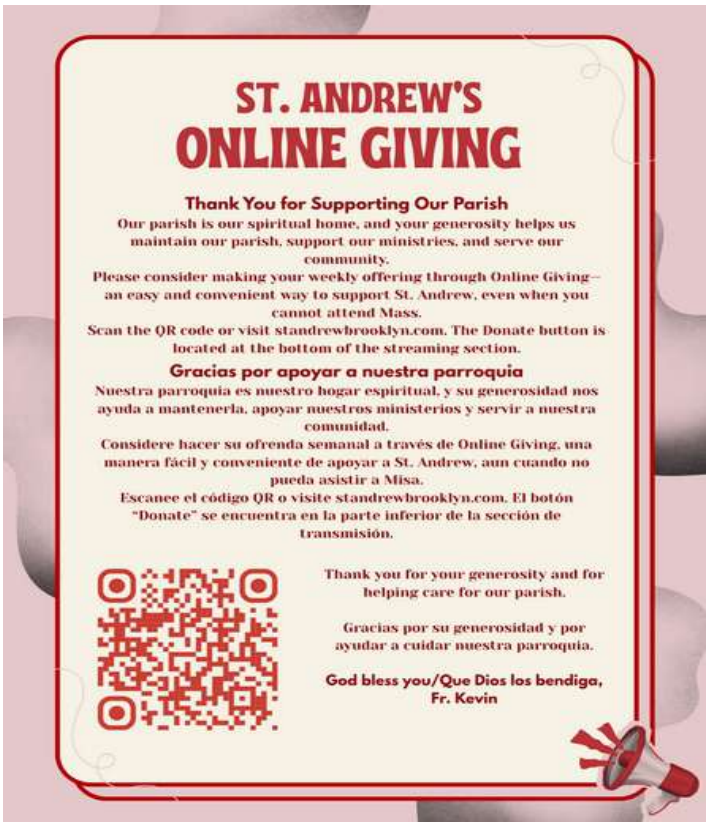
¿ESTÁ INTERESADO EN SER CATÓLICO O COMPLETAR SUS SACRAMENTOS?

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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