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.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME + OCTOBER 25TH 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, November 18th 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 18 de noviembre, 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 25th, 2026
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, October 25th
9:00 am James Clark +

SUNDAY, October 26th
10:00 am Danilo Sanez +
12:30 pm Loretta & John Hinchen +

MONDAY, October 27th
9:00 am James F. Clark +

TUESDAY, October 28th
9:00 am Domenick Boffa +

WEDNESDAY, October 29th
9:00 am William Cox +
7:00 pm For the Spanish Ministry

THURSDAY, October 30th
9:00 am Anne Vitabile +

FRIDAY, October 31st
9:00 am Sr. Maureen BradShaw +

SATURDAY, November 1st
9:00 am Martin John Lavelle +

SUNDAY, November 2nd
10:00 am Giulia Cimorelli +
12:30 pm Aurelio & Elba Corona +

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

October 25, 2026
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 22:34-40

When I was in seventh grade, like most boys of that age, I was constantly hungry. I could eat at any hour of the day. Then I fell head over heels for a classmate named Kristin. One evening, while lying on my bed and pondering her perfections, my mom called me to dinner. For the first time in my adolescent life, I remember thinking: "I'm not hungry." My heart longed for Kristin more than my stomach for food. Now, I wouldn't confuse adolescent infatuation with mature love. But it was an experience of how love can reorder everything in our lives.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus says, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart" (Matthew 22:37). He is not issuing a burden or a moral goal for high achievers. He is naming the deepest orientation of the human heart. We were made for love so great that it gathers every other love into itself. Jesus does not ask us to love less the persons or things that attract us. Rather, he wants our love for God to be so total and intense that we love everything and everyone else because we love him so much.

Do we believe that such a love is possible for us? Because of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, it is! It is readily available to us. Let's repent of our half-hearted love for God and ask Him to fill our hearts to the brim with divine love.

— Father John Muir

25 de octubre de 2026
Trigésimo domingo del tiempo ordinario
Mateo 22, 34-40

Cuando estaba en séptimo grado, al igual que la mayoría de los chicos de esa edad, sentía hambre constantemente. Podía comer a cualquier hora del día. Entonces, me enamoré perdidamente de una compañera de clase llamada Kristin. Una tarde, mientras estaba tumbado en mi cama reflexionando sobre sus perfecciones, mi madre me llamó para cenar. Por primera vez en mi vida adolescente, recuerdo haber pensado: «No tengo hambre». Mi corazón anhelaba a Kristin más de lo que mi estómago anhelaba comida. Por supuesto, no confundiría un enamoramiento adolescente con un amor maduro; pero fue una experiencia de cómo el amor puede reordenar todo en nuestras vidas.

En la lectura del Evangelio de hoy, Jesús dice: «Amarás al Señor, tu Dios, con todo tu corazón» (Mateo 22, 37). No está imponiendo una carga ni estableciendo una meta moral solo para personas excepcionales; está señalando la orientación más profunda del corazón humano. Fuimos creados para un amor tan grande que abarca y engloba todos los demás amores. Jesús no nos pide que amemos menos a las personas o a las cosas que nos atraen; más bien, desea que nuestro amor por Dios sea tan absoluto e intenso que amemos todo lo demás —y a todos los demás— precisamente porque lo amamos tanto a Él.

¿Creemos que un amor así es posible para nosotros? ¡Gracias a los dones del Espíritu Santo, sí lo es! Está a nuestro alcance. Arrepintámonos de haber amado a Dios a medias y pidámosle que llene nuestros corazones hasta rebosar de amor divino.

— Padre John Muir

ON THE CALENDAR

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26
9am Mass
7pm Jornada Group Meeting (KH)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27
9am Mass
9:30am English Classes (PH)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28
9am Mass
9:30am Communion and Liberation (PH)
9:30am Miraculous Medal Novena (CHU)
6pm Hora Santa/Rosario/Confesión
6:30pm Finance Council (PH)
7pm Mass (Spanish)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29
9am Mass
9:30am Rosary (CH)
9:30am English Classes (PH)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30
9am Mass
7pm Religious Education (CH) Grades 7-HS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31
9am Religious Education (PH/CH) Grades
9am Mass
11am SetUP ALL SAINTS (KH)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1
All Saints Day
10am Mass

Care for Creation

When you cast your vote, make sure that your candidate is one who will work to ensure a livable climate for the generations to come--to, in the words of Pope Francis, "...uphold high principles and think of the long-term common good."

Cuidado de la Creación

Al emitir su voto, asegúrese de que su candidato sea alguien que trabaje para garantizar un clima habitable para las generaciones venideras; alguien que, en palabras del Papa Francisco, «defienda principios elevados y piense en el bien común a largo plazo».

October 18th, 2026
Attendance: 280
1st Collection: $2088
2nd Collection (World Mission): $839

October 19th, 2025
Attendance: 295
1st Collection: $2970
2nd Collection (World Mission): $835

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: $22,104.00
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

November 1st, 2026
Reading 1: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
Reading 2: 1 John 3:1-3
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

LECTURAS PARA EL PRÓXIMO DOMINGO

1 de noviembre de 2026
Primera lectura: Apocalipsis 7, 2-4. 9-14
Salmo responsorial: Salmo 24, 1bc-2. 3-4ab. 5-6
Segunda lectura: 1 Juan 3, 1-3
Evangelio: Mateo 5, 1-12a

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, Richie O'Brien, Leighton Brown, Josefina Negron, Bruce Cappiello, and Virginia Mercado

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, Robert Noone, Teddy Collazo, and Mary Soto

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.

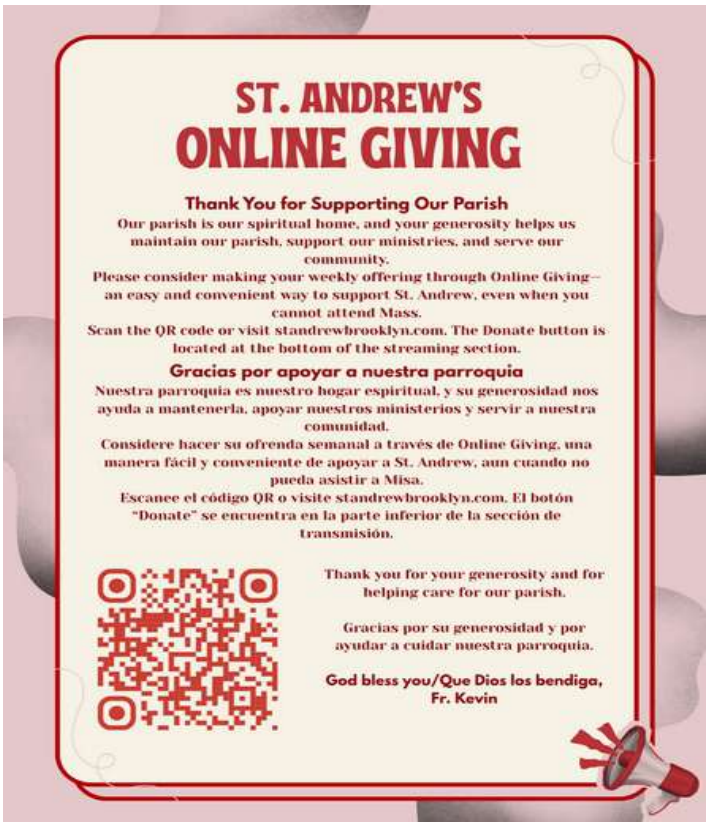
¿ESTÁ INTERESADO EN SER CATÓLICO O COMPLETAR SUS SACRAMENTOS?

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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