HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. (Italian), 9:00 a.m. (English)
5:30 p.m. (Albanian), 7:00 p.m. (English)

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. (Italian),
9:00 a.m. (Spanish - Auditorium)
9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12 noon (English),
1:15 p.m. (Spanish)
12 noon (Creole - Chapel in Center)

Weekdays: 8:00 a.m. (Italian), 9:00 a.m. (English),
Thursdays: 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Eucharistic Adoration: Monday-Friday 9:30-11:00 a.m., Thursday 5:30-7:00 p.m., Saturday 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. &
First Friday of the Month 6:00-7:30 p.m. followed by Holy Mass at 7:30 p.m.

CONFESSION: Saturdays 3:00- 4:00 p.m. & 6:30-7:00 p.m.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - NOVEMBER 27, 2016

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Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, December 8th
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary a Holy Day of Obligation

Holy Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 7th
Vigil Mass
7:00 p.m. - English

Thursday, December 8th
8:00 a.m. - Italian
9:00 a.m. - English
12 noon - English
6:00 p.m. - Albanian
7:00 p.m. - Spanish

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday- November 28, 2016 - Advent Weekday
8:00 a.m. All Souls
9:00 a.m. Special Intention

Tuesday- November 29, 2016 - Advent Weekday
8:00 a.m. Michele Scodes
9:00 a.m. All Souls

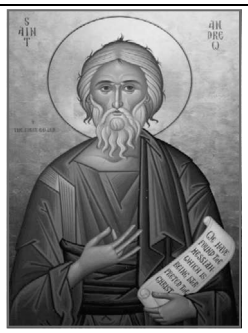
Wednesday- November 30, 2016 - St. Andrew, Apostle
8:00 a.m. All Souls
9:00 a.m. Germaine Phillips

Thursday- December 1, 2016 - Advent Weekday
8:00 a.m. Lucio Sabarese
9:00 a.m. Pracnodica Rodriguez
7:00 p.m. Animas del pulgatorio

Friday- December 2, 2016 - Advent Weekday
8:00 a.m. Giovanni Porco & Family
9:00 a.m. Josephine Muglaski
7:30 p.m. Lina Tripodi

Saturday- December 3, 2016 - St. Francis Xavier,Priest
8:00 a.m. Special Intention
9:00 a.m. Dennis Royal
5:30 p.m. Noc Kapaj
7:00 p.m. Giovanni Reda

Sunday- December 4, 2016 - Second Sunday of Advent
8:00 a.m. Civita & Alberto Vitiello
9:00 a.m. Julio Mosquera
9:15 a.m. Peter & Lena Shkreli
10:30 a.m. For all Parishioners of St. Lucy's Parish
12:00 p.m. Maria Victor & Arlenys Lashe
12:00 p.m. Creole Mass - Center Chapel
1:15 p.m. Celia Portela



LIVES OF THE SAINTS

ST. ANDREW

The feast in honor of St. Andrew has been celebrated on November 30 since the beginning of the fifth century, according to the Jerusalem Calendar. Around the year 470 a church was dedicated to him in Rome, near St. Mary Major's, because he was the brother of St. Peter. He had been a follower of John the Baptist, another of the first of the apostles to follow Christ; in fact it was he who led his brother Peter to Christ (Jn 1:35-42). For that reason the Greeks called him the "Protoclete:" or first called. Tradition says that he preached the gospel in Greece and in the year 60 was crucified in Patras on an X-shaped cross (now known as St. Andrew's cross). His relics were transferred to Constantinople in 357 and later to Amalfi, Italy, in 1208,but his skull was sent to Rome in 1462. In 1964, as an ecumenical gesture, his relics were returned to Patras in Greece. There is great devotion to him in the Byzantine Church. He is patron of Russia and Scotland.

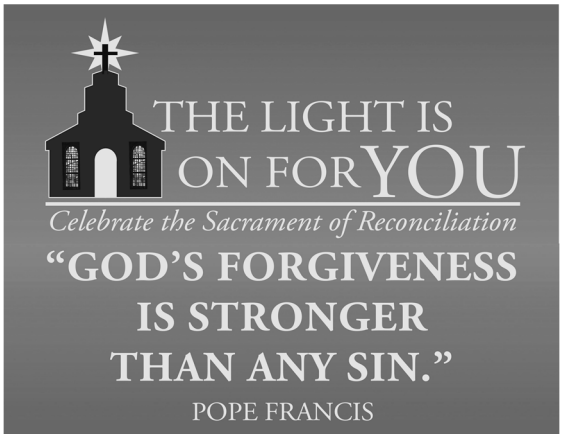
-Saints of the Roman Calendar

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER (1506-1552)

Born in the family castle of Xavier, near Pamplona in the Basque area of Spanish Navarre on April 7, he was sent to the University of Paris 1525, secured his licentiate in 1528, met Ignatius Loyola and became one of the seven who in 1534, at Montmartre founded the Society of Jesus. In 1536 he left Paris to join Ignatius in Venice, from whence they all intended to go as missionaries to Palestine (a trip which never materialized), was ordained there in 1537, went to Rome in 1538, and in 1540, when the pope formally recognized the Society, was ordered, with Fr. Simon Rodriguez, to the Far East as the first Jesuit missionaries. King John III kept Fr. Simon in Lisbon, but Francis, after a year's voyage, six months of which were spent at Mozambique where he preached and gave aid to the sick eventually arrived in Goa, India in 1542 with Fr. Paul of Camerino an Italian, and Francis Mansihas, a Portuguese. There he began preaching to the natives and attempted to reform his fellow Europeans, living among the natives and adopting their customs on his travels. During the next decade he converted tens of thousands to Christianity. He visited the Paravas at the tip of India. Near Cape Comorin, Tuticorin (1542), Malacca (1545), the Moluccas near New Guinea and Morotai near the Philippines (1546-47), and Japan (1549- 51). In 1551, India and the East were set up as a separate province and Ignatius made Francis its first provincial. In 1552 he set out for China, landed on the island of Sancian within sight of his goal, but died before he reached the mainland. Working against great difficulties, language problems (contrary to legend, he had no proficiency in foreign tongues), inadequate funds, and lack of cooperation, often actual resistance, from European officials, he left the mark of his missionary zeal and energy on areas which clung to Christianity for centuries. He was canonized in 1622 and proclaimed patron of all foreign missions by Pope Pius X. F. D. Dec. 3.

Message from Father Pergjini:

It is the first Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2016. Outside is a very visible presence of Christmas. One can feel in the air the atmosphere of Christmas, on the streets, supermarkets and shopping mall the sounds of Christmas music is very engaging to our senses. The fresh smell of Christmas trees is very pleasant with its exciting colorful lights. I enjoy walking and contemplating the exterior beauty of Christmas and try to relate with its real interior meaning of Advent and Christmas. In the impressive atmosphere of Christmas we should find a moment of silence to reflect in the real meaning of the beautiful days that prepare us for the coming of our Lord. Advent season is not a time that we go back to what happened then and we try to play a liturgical scene making believe what happened two thousand years ago. No, it is not that. It is that our Mother Church represents the truth about our Christian existence as well. It reminds that we must be aware about the truth of our salvation and confront this truth honestly before Christ, the hidden presence of God who became man for our salvation. We should come out of our own darkness and enter into a relationship with the hidden Christ who waits for us to open the doors of our souls and minds and allow Him to enter into our private and social life. When we try to relate the exterior beauty of Christmas with its true and real interior meaning we enter into a relationship with Christ who is waiting to look inside of our souls and minds. Only in this way we can make sense how the church represents the truth about our Christian existence. As I am writing these lines I think of the readings of this first Sunday of Advent. They stress the need, the indispensable need to stay awake. St. Paul states in the letter to the Romans to throw off the deeds of darkens and to put on the armor of light. And what is this darkens today? Again, the great Apostle lists the sins of lust, promiscuity, jealousy, and drunkenness warning us not to make provisions for the desires of the flesh. It is very powerful and very demanding. Finally, Christ in the passage of St. Mathew with His Divine wisdom illustrates the example that no one knows the hour of night when the thief is coming into the house of the master. Therefore, you must be prepared for at an hour you do not expect the Son of Man will come. It is an imperative commandment not an option. We must be prepared. How we are going to be prepared? **Monday, December 19th from 4 p.m.- 8 p.m. for every Catholic Church in our archdiocese of New York, the sacrament of confession will be available for all the faithful.** We as a parish during these hours will expose the Blessed Sacrament. It is a very moving and inspiring experience to see many people kneeling before and after confessions before Christ on the Altar. They fix their eyes on the Altar and the big crucifix. The founder of the Society of Jesus, Saint Ignatius of Loyola in his famous spiritual exercises states that we should ask three questions at the foot of the crucifix: **What have I done hitherto for heaven? What ought I to do for heaven? What shall I do henceforward for heaven?** As we enter into this advent season may we all ask these powerful questions to ourselves at the foot of the Altar looking to the real presence of Christ, body, blood, soul and divinity and making an honest and sincere examination of conscience for a good confession. May Christ who became one of us help us to be prepared and stay awake and bring all of us to the Glory of the Father in Heaven! Amen! It is the first Sunday of advent, November 27, 2016.



Advent Reconciliation Monday

On **Monday, December 19th**, from 4:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. in all parishes of the Archdiocese of New York, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available for all the faithful.

RECONCILIACION DE ADVIENTO EL LUNES

El lunes, **19 de diciembre** a las 4 de la tarde hasta las 8 de la noche, en todas las parroquias de la Arquidiócesis de Nueva York, el Sacramento de la Reconciliación estará disponible para todos los fieles.

Mensaje del Padre Pergjini:

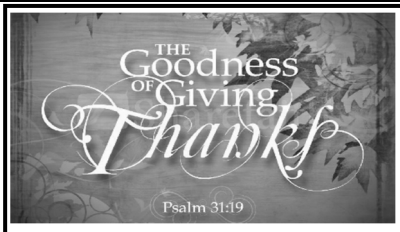
Es el primer domingo de Adviento, 27 de noviembre de 2016. Fuera es una presencia muy visible de Navidad. Uno puede sentir en el aire la atmósfera de Navidad, en las calles, supermercados y centros comerciales, los sonidos de la música navideña son muy atractivos para nuestros sentidos. El olor fresco de los árboles de Navidad es muy agradable con sus emocionantes luces de colores. Me gusta caminar y contemplar la belleza exterior de la Navidad e intentar relacionarme con su verdadero significado interior de Adviento y Navidad. En el ambiente impresionante de la Navidad debemos encontrar un momento de silencio para reflejar en el verdadero significado de los hermosos días que nos preparan para la venida de nuestro Señor. La temporada de Adviento no es un momento en que volvamos a lo que pasó entonces y tratamos de interpretar una escena litúrgica haciendo creer lo que sucedió hace dos mil años. No, no es eso. Es que nuestra Iglesia Madre también representa la verdad sobre nuestra existencia cristiana. Nos recuerda que debemos ser conscientes de la verdad de nuestra salvación y confrontar esta verdad honestamente ante Cristo, la presencia oculta de Dios que se hizo hombre para nuestra salvación. Debemos salir de nuestra propia oscuridad y entrar en una relación con el Cristo escondido que nos espera para abrir las puertas de nuestras almas y mentes y permitirle entrar en nuestra vida privada y social. Cuando tratamos de relacionar la belleza exterior de la Navidad con su significado interior verdadero y real entramos en una relación con Cristo que está esperando para mirar dentro de nuestras almas y mentes. Sólo de esta manera podemos tener sentido cómo la iglesia representa la verdad sobre nuestra existencia cristiana. Mientras escribo estas líneas pienso en las lecturas de este primer domingo de Adviento. Enfatizan la necesidad, la necesidad indispensable de mantenerse despiertos. San Pablo declara en la carta a los romanos que desechen las obras de los oscuros y que pongan la armadura de la luz. ¿Y qué es lo que oscurece hoy? Una vez más, el gran Apóstol enumera los pecados de la lujuria, la promiscuidad, los celos y la embriaguez, advirtiéndonos de no hacer provisiones para los deseos de la carne. Es muy potente y muy exigente. Por último, Cristo en el pasaje de San Mateo con su sabiduría divina ilustra el ejemplo de que nadie sabe la hora de la noche cuando el ladrón está entrando en la casa del maestro. Por lo tanto, debes estar preparado para una hora que no esperes que venga el Hijo del Hombre. Es un mandamiento imperativo no una opción. Debemos estar preparados. ¿Cómo vamos a estar preparados? El lunes 19 de diciembre, de las 16.00 a las 20.00 horas, por cada iglesia católica de nuestra archidiócesis de Nueva York, el sacramento de la confesión estará disponible para todos los fieles. Nosotros, como parroquia durante estas horas, expondremos al Santísimo Sacramento. Es una experiencia muy emocionante e inspiradora ver a muchas personas arrodillarse antes y después de confesarse ante Cristo en el Altar. Fija sus ojos en el Altar y el gran crucifijo. El fundador de la Compañía de Jesús, San Ignacio de Loyola, en sus famosos ejercicios espirituales afirma que debemos hacer tres preguntas al pie del crucifijo: ¿Qué he hecho hasta ahora para el cielo? ¿Qué debo hacer por el cielo? ¿Qué haré ahora para el cielo? Al entrar en este advenimiento, podremos hacernos estas preguntas poderosas a los pies del Altar mirando a la presencia real de Cristo, cuerpo, sangre, alma y divinidad y haciendo un examen honesto y sincero de la conciencia para una buena confesión . ¡Que Cristo, que se convirtió en uno de nosotros, nos ayude a estar preparados y permanecer despiertos y llevarnos a todos a la Gloria del Padre Celestial! ¡Amén! Es el primer domingo de Adviento, 27 de noviembre de 2016.

Advent Days of Recollection

On Saturday, December 10th, we are going to have a Day of Recollection for Advent preached by Rev. Joseph Katorsky, S.J. from Fordham University. The day will start with Holy Mass at 9 a.m. followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a talk, confessions and Benediction at 12 p.m. We encourage everyone to attend this special Advent service.

Adviento Día de la Recoleta

El viernes, 9 de diciembre, tendremos un recuerdo del Adviento de la tarde en español con el Padre. Luis Saldaña, Director Espiritual del Seminario San José. La tarde comenzará con la confesión y exposición del Santísimo Sacramento hasta las 7 de la tarde, seguida del Santo Sacrificio de la Misa en honor a San Juan Diego.



THANK YOU to all who donated to our **Thanksgiving Food Drive!!**

Because of your generosity, we were able to distribute turkeys and Thanksgiving groceries to more than 100 families.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD'S house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

Psalm — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

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Domingo 18 de Diciembre, 2016
Hora: 4:00 PM

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December 18, 2016
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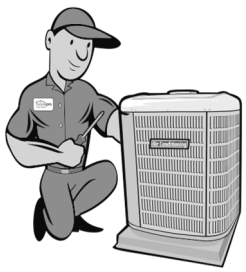
Marriage Banns

We want to express our sincerest gratitude to those parishioners who have contributed financially to help with the purchase of the new church air conditioning units needed to replace the current broken units. If you have not yet contributed, please prayerfully consider making a donation at your earliest convenience. God bless you for your generosity!



Requiescant in Pace

Please remember in your prayers the parishioners, friends, relatives and benefactors who recently died especially,
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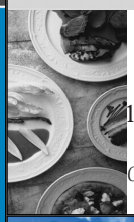
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