

Saint Lucy's Parish

BRONX, NEW YORK



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 9:30-12:00 p.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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 11, 2016

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DICIEMBRE 2016

DOMINGO 11

Procesión 2:30pm

ROSARIO 9:00 PM en el Auditorio

MISA 10:30 PM

Mañanitas con la comunidad 12:00 DE LA NOCHE

VIGILIA HASTA LAS 4:00 AM

LUNES 12

MISA 6:00 PM

Convivencia en la cafetería después de misa,
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Mass Intentions For The Week



Monday- December 12, 2016 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 a.m. Lucio Sabarese

9:00 a.m. Giovanna Valentinuzzi

Tuesday- December 13, 2016 - St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

9:00 a.m. Margaret Aiello

Wednesday- December 14, 2016 - St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Mark Frroko

9:00 a.m. Domenico & Rosa Reda

Thursday- December 15, 2016 - Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Antonio, Caterina & Vincent Taddeo

9:00 a.m. Germaine Phillips

7:00 p.m. Porfirio Cruz

Friday- December 16, 2016 - Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Rosemary Fortinash

9:00 a.m. Arlene Santiago

Saturday- December 17, 2016 - Late Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

9:00 a.m. Ada, Felix & Rosa Bonilla

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5:30 p.m. Gojcaj & Dila Gojcaj

7:00 p.m. Jose Villanueva

Sunday- December 18, 2016 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Giuseppe & Michele Guido

9:00 a.m. Special Intention

9:15 a.m. Carmen Maria Otero

10:30 a.m. Teresa, Emilia & Antonio Masullo

12:00 p.m. Domenico & Yolanda Alzapiedi

12:00 p.m. Creole Mass - Center Chapel

1:15 p.m. For all Parishioners of St. Lucy's Parish

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower. Tired bodies will receive strength. Aching hearts will be made glad (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

Psalm — Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

Gospel — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).

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We welcome

*Albert Haxhari**Baptized on December 3, 2016*

into the Roman Catholic Church
and
our Parish community of St. Lucy

December 18, 2016

Klaid Kapinova & Janice H. Ladia

December 30, 2016

Franc Gjini & Nisida Berberi

Requiescant in Pace

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

Nikoll Lakaj

May they rest in Peace, Amen.



In Memoriam



*The St. Joseph Candle burns this week in
memory of*

Frances Ann & Edwin Francis**Requested by Rozella Francis**

*The candle in honor of the Blessed Mother
burns this week in memory of*

John & Mary Jack

Message from Fr. Pergjini-

From my earliest days here in the parish, at the end of each Holy Mass, and after we sing the Salve Regina, we humbly say: Saint Lucy pray for us! Celebrating her feast day, the day of our patroness, I thought to write few words about her life, which is quite an amazing one. Saint Lucy was born in Syracuse, now Sicily, then part of the Roman Empire, sometime before the year 300 AD. By that time, Syracuse had become a very Christian region, due to the preaching of Saint Marciano, a local bishop, who according to tradition, was sent there in an earlier time, by Saint Peter himself, although being a Christian was still against Roman law.

No one knows exactly the date of her birth. Her family was of noble lineage, and was wealthy land owners. She lost her father when she was only five years old. His name was Lucio. It was a Roman custom to name the daughters in the family after their father. So the little girl was called Lucia. Saint Lucy grew up with her mother Eutichia, who suffered serious hemorrhages for more than forty years. One day, they went to a nearby town called Catania, to pray at the tomb of the famous martyr Saint Agatha, for the healing of her mother. And there, not only her mother was cured, but Saint Lucy had a vision where she saw angels along with Saint Agatha, who smiled at her. From that very moment, Lucia told her mother she would take a vow of holy virginity, to serve God. She also asked her mother to sell all their possessions and give the money to the poor.

The story of St. Lucy becomes complicated when a young man, anonymous to history, took an interest in the beautiful young girl. He also knew her family was wealthy landowners. She refused him, having taken a promise to live for Jesus. The pagan young man flew into a rage, and suspecting her to be a Christian, reported her to the Roman authorities, out of spite. Rome was famous for persecuting early Christians. Lucia was put on trial, but she remained firm, and would not betray her promise to serve Jesus Christ. The Roman governor of Syracuse, named Pascasio, grew angry, and ordered Lucia to worship the pagan gods. She refused. Finally, the governor ordered her to be carried away from her home. Soldiers came to take her away, but were astonished to discover they could not lift her or move her. The soldiers even tried to tie ropes around her that could be pulled by a team of bulls. Still, they could not move her. The governor was beside himself at this point, and had the soldiers bring piles of wood to light her on fire. But the great flames of the burning wood did not touch her. It was the power of Jesus Christ, working through the virgin body of that innocent young girl, who was shining among those horrible flames. Finally, the friends of the governor, to save him from becoming even more of a laughing stock in front his people, executed the young Lucia, with their swords. She consecrated her virginity with martyrdom, on the 13th of December of 304.

In the year 310 A.D., six years after her martyrdom a basilica was erected above her sepulcher. Homage was soon paid everywhere in Sicily. The insertion of her name in the Canon of the Mass by Pope Gregory the Great indicates the importance of the saint. In the sixth century, twenty churches were dedicated in honor of her name.

The most popular devotion of St. Lucy is the belief that the young martyr removed her eyes sending them in a silver container to a young man who had fallen in love with their magnificent beauty. Another interpretation is that she sent her eyes herself to Roman governor, Pascasio, who condemned her to death, and immediately her sight was restored by an unexpected miracle of St Raphael. The main reason for these devotions is that the popular saint's name Lucia, means light; therefore she was invoked to help and protect the sight, the light of eyes. The famous poet Dante Alighieri had a son named Jacopo, who used to say that his father invoked Saint Lucy's intercessions to help his recovery from grave damage to his eyes because of tears shed at Beatrice's death. With much gratitude, Dante frequently mentions St. Lucy in his famous Divina Comedia. The saint's body remained in Syracuse for many centuries. When the Arabs came to Syracuse in 878, her body was hidden in a secret place. When the Greek General, Giorgio Maniace, rescued the city from the Arabs, he claimed as his reward, the body of Saint Lucy, which was brought to Constantinople, where it stayed until 1204. Then, the Venetians came, conquered the city, and carried her body back to Venice. Her sepulcher in Venice became the center of huge pilgrimage.

Unfortunately on her feast day, in 1279, several pilgrims were drowned after their boats capsized as result of unexpected whirlwind. In Venice the body of the saint was then moved and kept in several different Churches. Finally, on July 1863, in a solemn procession, her body was brought to the Church of St. Geremia & St. Lucia, in Venice. A fitting and impressive altar was erected in red marble with splashes of yellow, grey and white in which the incorrupt body of our famous saint still rests. Unfortunately on November 7, 1981, her body was stolen after evening Holy Mass. Fortunately, a miracle happened, on the very night of 12th to the 13th of December, her feast day, the holy remains were recovered. A new casket of the saint was made free of charge. The beautiful inscription on her altar reads: Lucia Virgin of Syracuse, Martyr of Christ rests in this Temple, for Italy and the World to Implore light and peace. Yes, on her feast day, we too as a parish bearing her name as our patroness to implore light and peace!

Saint Lucy pray for us! Amen!

Mensaje de Padre Pergjini-

Desde mis primeros días aquí en la parroquia, al final de cada Santa Misa, y después de cantar la Salve Regina, humildemente decimos: ¡Santa Lucía ruega por nosotros! Celebrando su día de fiesta, el día de nuestra patrona, pensé escribir algunas palabras sobre su vida, que es absolutamente asombroso. Santa Lucía nació en Siracusa, ahora Sicilia, y luego parte del Imperio Romano, en algún momento antes del año 300 A.D. Por aquel tiempo, Siracusa se había convertido en una región muy cristiana, debido a la predicación de San Marciano, un obispo local, que según la tradición, fue enviado allí en una época anterior, por San Pedro mismo, aunque ser cristiano todavía estaba en contra de romano ley.

Nadie sabe exactamente la fecha de su nacimiento. Su familia era de linaje noble, y era propietarios de tierras ricas. Perdió a su padre cuando tenía sólo cinco años. Su nombre era Lucio. Era una costumbre romana nombrar a las hijas de la familia después de su padre. Así que la niña se llamaba Lucía. Santa Lucía creció con su madre Eutichia, que sufrió hemorragias graves durante más de cuarenta años. Un día, fueron a un pueblo cercano llamado Catania, para rezar en la tumba de la famosa mártir Santa Agatha, para la curación de su madre. Y allí, no sólo su madre estaba curada, sino que Santa Lucía tenía una visión donde vio ángeles junto con Santa Agatha, que le sonrió. Desde ese mismo momento, Lucía le dijo a su madre que tomaría un voto de santa virginidad, para servir a Dios. También pidió a su madre que vendiera todas sus posesiones y diera el dinero a los pobres.

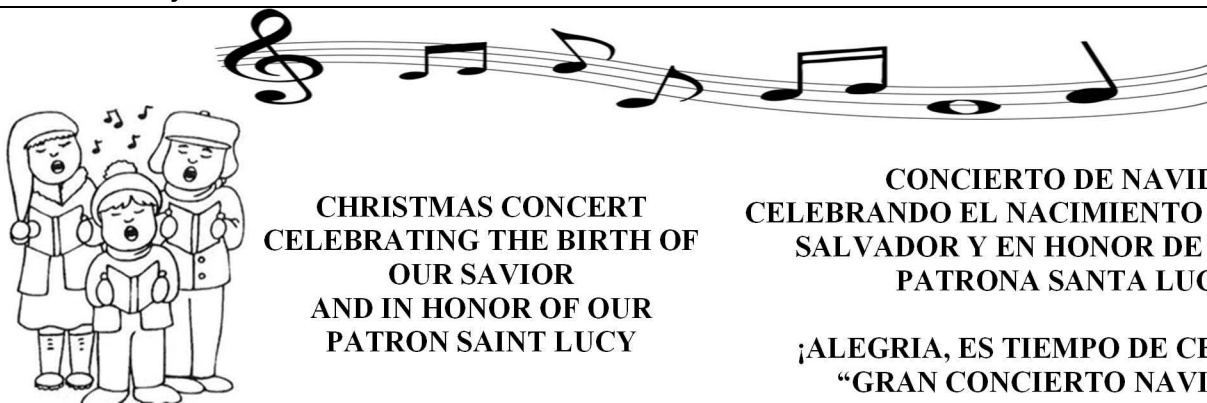
La historia de Santa Lucía se complica cuando un joven, anónimo de la historia, se interesó por la hermosa muchacha. También sabía que su familia era rica terrateniente. Ella lo rechazó, habiendo prometido vivir para Jesús. El joven pagano se enfureció y, sospechando que era cristiana, la denunció a las autoridades romanas por despecho. Roma era famosa por perseguir a los primeros cristianos. Lucía fue puesta en juicio, pero se mantuvo firme, y no traicionaría su promesa de servir a Jesucristo. El gobernador romano de Siracusa, llamado Pascasio, se enojó y ordenó a Lucía que adorara a los dioses paganos. Ella lo rechazó. Finalmente, el gobernador ordenó que se la llevaran de su casa. Los soldados vinieron a llevársela, pero quedaron asombrados al descubrir que no podían levantarla ni moverla. Los soldados incluso trataron de atar cuerdas alrededor de ella que podría ser arrastrado por un equipo de toros. Sin embargo, no podían moverla. El gobernador estaba a su lado en ese momento, y los soldados traían montones de leña para encenderla. Pero las grandes llamas de la leña no la tocaban. Era el poder de Jesucristo, trabajando a través del cuerpo virgen de esa joven inocente, que brillaba entre esas horribles llamas. Finalmente, los amigos del gobernador, para evitar que se volviera aún más risueño delante de su pueblo, ejecutaron a la joven Lucía con sus espadas. Ella consagró su virginidad con el martirio, el 13 de diciembre de 304.

En el año 310 A.D., seis años después de su martirio se erigió una basílica sobre su sepulcro. El homenaje fue pronto pagado por todas partes en Sicilia. La inserción de su nombre en el Canon de la Misa del Papa Gregorio Magno indica la importancia del santo. En el siglo VI, se dedicaron veinte iglesias en honor de su nombre.

La devoción más popular de Santa Lucía es la creencia de que la joven mártir retiró sus ojos enviándolos en un recipiente de plata a un joven que se había enamorado de su magnífica belleza. Otra interpretación es que envió sus ojos al gobernador romano Pascasio, quien la condenó a muerte, y de inmediato su vista fue restaurada por un milagro inesperado de San Rafael. La razón principal de estas devociones es que el nombre de la santa popular, Lucía, significa luz; Por lo tanto fue invocada para ayudar y proteger la vista, la luz de los ojos. El famoso poeta Dante Alighieri tuvo un hijo llamado Jacopo, que solía decir que su padre invocó las intercesiones de Santa Lucía para ayudar a su recuperación de graves daños a sus ojos debido a las lágrimas derramadas por la muerte de Beatrice. Con mucha gratitud, Dante frecuentemente menciona a Santa Lucía en su famosa Divina Comedia. El cuerpo del santo permaneció en Siracusa durante muchos siglos. Cuando los árabes llegaron a Syracuse en 878, su cuerpo fue escondido en un lugar secreto. Cuando el general griego, Giorgio Maniace, rescató la ciudad de los árabes, reclamó su recompensa, el cuerpo de Santa Lucía, que fue llevado a Constantinopla, donde permaneció hasta 1204. Entonces, los venecianos llegaron, conquistaron la ciudad y Llevó su cuerpo a Venecia. Su sepulcro en Venecia se convirtió en el centro de una gran peregrinación.

Desafortunadamente en su día de fiesta, en 1279, varios peregrinos se ahogaron después de que sus barcos se volcaron como resultado de un torbellino inesperado. En Venecia el cuerpo del santo fue entonces movido y guardado en varias Iglesias diferentes. Finalmente, en julio de 1863, en una procesión solemne, su cuerpo fue llevado a la Iglesia de San Geremia y Santa Lucía, en Venecia. Un hermoso e impresionante altar fue erigido en mármol rojo con salpicaduras de amarillo, gris y blanco en el que aún descansa el cuerpo incorrupto de nuestro famoso santo. Por desgracia, el 7 de noviembre de 1981, su cuerpo fue robado después de la Santa Misa de la noche. Afortunadamente, un milagro ocurrió en la misma noche del 12 al 13 de diciembre, su día de fiesta, los restos sagrados fueron recuperados. Un nuevo ataúd del santo fue hecho gratuitamente. La hermosa inscripción en su altar lee: Lucía Virgen de Siracusa, Mártir de Cristo descansa en este Templo, para Italia y el Mundo Implorar luz y paz. Sí, en su día de fiesta, nosotros también como una parroquia que lleva su nombre como nuestra patrona para implorar la luz y la paz!

Santa Lucía ruega por nosotros! ¡Amén!



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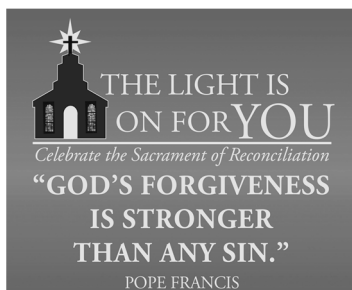
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