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)
1:00 p.m. (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 noon, Thursday 5:30-7:00 p.m., Saturday 9:30 a.m.-12 noon and **First Friday of the Month** 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - NOVEMBER 19, 2017

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Please join us at this thanksgiving celebration…

Thursday, November 23rd

Thanksgiving Day Mass
9:00 a.m. - English

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction until 12 noon

Please join us for Holy Mass and adoration as we take this opportunity to thank our Almighty Father for all that we have.

Mass Intentions For The Week

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Monday- November 20, 2017 - Weekday
8:00 a.m. All Souls
9:00 a.m. Frank Campisi

Tuesday- November 21, 2017 - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 a.m. Anna Mangano
9:00 a.m. All Souls

Wednesday- November 22, 2017 - St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
8:00 a.m. All Souls
9:00 a.m. Frank Maikisch

Thursday- November 23, 2017 - St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr
** Only One Mass at 9 a.m.
9:00 a.m. All Souls
** No evening Spanish Mass**

Friday- November 24, 2017 - St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs
** Only One Mass at 9a.m.**
9:00 a.m. All Souls

Saturday- November 25, 2017 - Weekday - St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr
8:00 a.m. All Souls
9:00 a.m. Isabel Vazquez
5:30 p.m. Nikoll Nacaj
7:00 p.m. Jimmy Naranjo

Sunday- November 26, 2017 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
8:00 a.m. Palma, Vincenzo, Giuseppe Guida
9:00 a.m. Luis, Jose & Emilio Cruz
9:15 a.m. All Souls
10:30 a.m. Lula, Prena, Tonja Noka
12:00 p.m. Betty White
1:00 p.m. Creole Mass - Center Chapel
1:15 p.m. For all Parishioners of St. Lucy's Parish

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DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for the repose of the souls of the loved ones of our parishioners and their families.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The woman who fears the LORD is to be praised (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31).

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord (Psalm 128).

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Second Reading — Brothers and sisters, you are children of the light (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6).

Gospel — To all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance (Matthew 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday:	2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday:	1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44 Thanksgiving Day, Suggested: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday:	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday:	1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday:	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

✞ *In Memoriam* ✞

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

Mildred, Anthony, Phil & Brandy Capano

The St. Joseph Candle burns this week in memory of

Carlos Manuel Rodriguez

Requested by Maria V. Ramos

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 19, 2017
Blessed are you who fear the LORD. — *Psalm 128:1a*

November 25, 2017
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Message from Fr. Pergjini-

Thursday, November 23 is Thanksgiving Day. It has been a blessing for our parish that every year we have a big crowd participating at the 9 a.m. Holy Mass on Thanksgiving Day. We as a community give thanks to Almighty Father through the most powerful event, the holy sacrifice of the Eucharist. The Mass is celebrated in English. It is very inspiring to see people who do not speak English come, united as brothers and sisters, members of the body of Christ, thanking Him on this unique day in our nation. It is very encouraging to me to see our parish united, before our Thanksgiving dinner, to attend the celebration of the Eucharist, a Greek word, which simply means Thanksgiving. I personally admire those people who come to be part of this Eucharistic celebration knowing the redeeming value of the sacrifice of Christ on the Altar. After the celebration we expose the Blessed Sacrament until 1 p.m. Many people do stay for adoration. It is very quiet and peaceful in the Church. The rectory is closed and amazingly the phone does not ring. It is a perfect time to pray in silence thanking God for the blessings we do have in this country.

I am aware that there are undocumented people who are concerned of being deported. They often share with me their difficult situations. It touches me to see their good spirit of trust and hope in Christ. They do not have a spirit of fear and anger, but of patience and invoking God's help in their journey. There are also people who have lost their dear ones. And for them is not an easy moment to celebrate Thanksgiving. I bring to my mind all these people whom I know and do not know before Christ on the Altar praying for them.

As I usually stay in the back of the church, looking at the Blessed Sacrament, many thoughts come to my mind. I think back to those beautiful memories of Thanksgiving celebrations and bring to my mind those dear faces who are not anymore with me physically, but they still are present in my heart and soul. In those moments of silence and peace l think of the many blessings I have received from God and shared with others. I am sure that we all have a long list thanking Him. I personally am thankful to Him for: my priesthood as I do stand before the Altar and celebrate the most sacred sacrifice on earth, the sacrifice of Christ who shed His blood for our salvation. What a privilege and honor to be called by Christ and say the same words as He did in the last supper. What a great mystery to be in the confessional and to hear the penitent confessing as if they were before Christ, indeed they are before him. I too kneel when I go to confession confessing my sins. For my family who raised me Catholic and many other blessings received from them. For my many different assignments during these years in the New York archdiocese serving Christ and his Church. For many people whom I have baptized infants, adults, and confirmed on Easter. For those for whom I witnessed their weddings and who still today are faithful to their wedding vows. For those faithful departed for whom I celebrated their funeral Mass and accompanied them to their place of rest. For my parish of Saint Lucy and school for which I am humbled and honored to serve and bring Christ's presence to them. I am inspired and moved by our faithful, our students, our staff and humble volunteers who freely dedicate their time and talents for the good of our parish and school. And finally for America, my dear adopted country where I studied to become priest, ordained at Saint Patrick Cathedral by the late John Cardinal O'Conner whose memory is very dear to me as a man of faith who was not afraid to speak and defend the Truth of Christ and His commandments. I am blessed to be a citizen of the United States and be part of its beautiful past, present, and future. There is no other country in history like the beautiful soul of America who trusts on the Power of Almighty Father.

Let us all give thanks to Almighty Father for what we are, for what we have received from Him and shared and continue to share with others on this beautiful Day of Thanksgiving! May Almighty God protect and bless our country and may we be faithful to His Eternal Truth forever and ever! Amen!

Mensaje de Padre Pergjini-

El jueves 23 de noviembre es el Día de Acción de Gracias. Ha sido una bendición para nuestra parroquia que todos los años tengamos una gran multitud participando en la Santa Misa de 9 a.m. en el Día de Acción de Gracias. Como comunidad, damos gracias al Padre Todopoderoso por el evento más poderoso, el sacrificio sagrado de la Eucaristía. La misa se celebra en inglés. Es muy inspirador ver venir personas que no hablan inglés, unidas como hermanos y hermanas, miembros del cuerpo de Cristo, agradeciéndole en este día único en nuestra nación. Es muy alentador para mí ver a nuestra parroquia unida, antes de nuestra cena de Acción de Gracias, asistir a la celebración de la Eucaristía, una palabra griega que simplemente significa Acción de Gracias. Personalmente, admiro a las personas que llegan a ser parte de esta celebración eucarística sabiendo el valor redentor del sacrificio de Cristo en el Altar. Después de la celebración exponemos el Santísimo Sacramento hasta la 1 p.m. Muchas personas se quedan para la adoración. Es muy tranquilo y pacífico en la Iglesia. La rectoría está cerrada y sorprendentemente el teléfono no suena. Es un momento perfecto para orar en silencio agradeciendo a Dios por las bendiciones que tenemos en este país.

Soy consciente de que hay personas indocumentadas que están preocupadas de ser deportadas. A menudo comparten conmigo sus situaciones difíciles. Me conmueve ver su buen espíritu de confianza y esperanza en Cristo. No tienen un espíritu de temor e ira, sino de paciencia e invocan la ayuda de Dios en su viaje. También hay personas que han perdido a sus seres queridos. Y para ellos no es un momento fácil para celebrar el Día de Acción de Gracias. Traigo a la memoria a todas estas personas a quienes conozco y que no conozco antes de que Cristo en el Altar esté orando por ellos.

Como normalmente me quedo en la parte trasera de la iglesia, mirando el Santísimo Sacramento, muchos pensamientos vienen a mi mente. Pienso en esos bellos recuerdos de las celebraciones del Día de Acción de Gracias y me vienen a la mente esas caras queridas que ya no están conmigo físicamente, pero todavía están presentes en mi corazón y en mi alma. En esos momentos de silencio y paz, pienso en las muchas bendiciones que he recibido de Dios y que he compartido con otros. Estoy seguro de que todos tenemos una larga lista dándole las gracias. Personalmente, estoy agradecido con él por: mi sacerdocio como lo hago frente al altar y celebrar el sacrificio más sagrado en la tierra, el sacrificio de Cristo que derramó su sangre para nuestra salvación. Que privilegio y honor ser llamado por Cristo y decir las mismas palabras que hizo en la última cena. Qué misterio tan grande estar en el confesionario y escuchar a los penitentes confesar como si estuvieran antes de Cristo, de hecho están delante de él. Yo también me arrodillo cuando voy a confesar confesando mis pecados. Para mi familia que me crió católica y muchas otras bendiciones recibidas de ellos. Para mis muchas asignaciones diferentes durante estos años en la arquidiócesis de Nueva York al servicio de Cristo y su Iglesia. Para muchas personas a quienes he bautizado bebés, adultos y confirmado en la Pascua. Para aquellos por quienes presencié sus bodas y que todavía hoy son fieles a sus votos matrimoniales. Para aquellos fieles difuntos por quienes celebré su Misa fúnebre y los acompañé a su lugar de descanso. Para mi parroquia de Santa Lucía y la escuela por la cual me siento honrado y honrado de servir y traer la presencia de Cristo a ellos. Me siento inspirado y conmovido por nuestros fieles, nuestros estudiantes, nuestro personal y humildes voluntarios que dedican libremente su tiempo y talentos para el bien de nuestra parroquia y escuela. Y finalmente para América, mi querido país adoptivo donde estudié para ser sacerdote, ordenado en la Catedral de San Patricio por el difunto John Cardinal O'Conner cuyo recuerdo es muy querido para mí como un hombre de fe que no tenía miedo de hablar y defender el La verdad de Cristo y sus mandamientos Tengo la bendición de ser ciudadano de los Estados Unidos y ser parte de su hermoso pasado, presente y futuro. No hay otro país en la historia como el hermoso alma de Estados Unidos que confíe en el Poder del Padre Todopoderoso.

¡Démosle gracias a Dios Todopoderoso por lo que somos, por lo que hemos recibido de Él, y compartido y continuamos compartiendo con otros en este hermoso Día de Acción de Gracias! ¡Que el Dios Todopoderoso proteja y bendiga a nuestro país y que seamos fieles a su eterna verdad por los siglos de los siglos! ¡Amén!

Turkeys Needed!!

We are in need of turkeys for our annual Thanksgiving Baskets Food Drive that will feed parish families that are in need. If you would like to donate a turkey and/or non perishable canned goods, kindly bring them to the Rectory ***tomorrow, Monday, November 20th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.*** The more turkeys that we collect, the more families that we will be able to help enjoy a thanksgiving holiday meal.

God bless you for your generosity!

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LIVES OF THE SAINTS

PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This feast dates from 1372 in the Latin Rite, when it was established by a decree of Pope Gregory XI, but it was celebrated in monasteries of southern Italy as early as the 9th century. The Eastern Church observed this feast in the 6th century (543) in connection with the dedication of a basilica in Jerusalem in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary (destroyed by the Persians in 614). The date of the feast in 11th-century England was November 21. It was included in the Roman Missal in 1472 by Pope Sixtus IV. According to the apocryphal Protoevangelium of James, which dates from the 2nd century, Mary was presented in the temple at Jerusalem at the age of three, where she lived with other girls and the holy women who had charge of them.

Eternal Father, we honor the holiness and glory of the Virgin Mary.
May her prayers bring us the fullness of your life and love.

ST. CECILIA (+230 OR 250?)

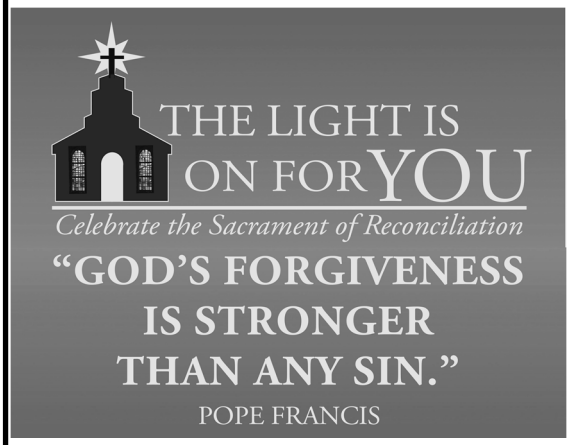
In the year 545 Pope Vigilius celebrated this feast in the basilica of St. Cecilia in Trastevere (Rome), Italy. The Sacramentary of Verona states that Cecilia converted her husband Valerian and his brother Tiburtius to Christianity; she preserved her virginity even though married; and she was martyred for the faith. Her cult has been localized in two distinct places: in the catacomb of St. Callistus, where there is a picture of the saint, dating from the 7th century, and the basilica in Trastevere, which is mentioned in documents dating from the 5th century. The lack of information about St. Cecilia from the 4th to the 6th century, except for the graffiti on the walls of the catacomb, makes it difficult to explain her sudden popularity in the 6th century. She has been venerated as the patron of sacred music since the 15th century. The basilica of St. Cecilia in Trastevere was constructed by Pope Paschal I (824). It contains a mosaic that shows St. Cecilia standing between her husband Valerian and his brother Tiburtius, both of whom were martyred. There is a question concerning her relics, which were found by Pope Paschal I, but not in the catacomb of St. Callistus, and he transferred the supposed relics to the church of St. Cecilia in Trastevere (Rome).

Lord of mercy, be close to those who call upon you.
With Saint Cecilia to help us, hear and answer our prayers.

-Saints of the Roman Calendar

Advent Days of Recollection

On Saturday, December 2nd, 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



Advent Reconciliation Monday

On **Monday, December 18th**, 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, **18 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.

We wish to all our families and friends

a happy Thanksgiving!

We pray that your celebration of Thanksgiving

will be an occasion of love and lasting grace.

FROM ALL OF US TO ALL OF YOU!

Thanksgiving

Dear Lord,
for all your bountiful gifts,
we thank you.

Gracias, Dios bueno,
por tantos dones que nos das.

Deseamos a todas nuestras familias y amigos

una feliz acción de gracias!

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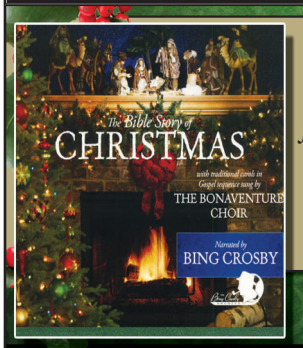

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