



Saint Lucy's Parish

BRONX, NEW YORK

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - FEBRUARY 2, 2020

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MARCH FOR LIFE - WASHINGTON, D.C. - JANUARY 24, 2020



Thank you to all who participated in the March for Life - 2020.

A special thank you to our 7th and 8th grade students
and their parents who attended this year.

We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to all our parishioners
and friends who generously donated to help cover the bus
expense of sending our students to the March for Life.

May God bless you abundantly for your generosity!

Mass Intentions For The Week



Monday- February 3, 2020 - Weekday - St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

8:00 a.m. Francisco Rubolino
9:00 a.m. Jacinto Gomez

Tuesday- February 4, 2020 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. Darinka Mejtoja
9:00 a.m. Lek Cukaj

Wednesday- February 5, 2020 - St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

8:00 a.m. Dila Cukaj
9:00 a.m. All Souls

Thursday- February 6, 2020 - St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. Gjon Cukaj
9:00 a.m. Zina Cukaj
7:00 p.m. Matias Santiago

Friday- February 7, 2020 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. Gac Cukaj
9:00 a.m. Vol Laca

Saturday- February 8, 2020 - Weekday - St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

9:00 a.m. All Souls
5:30 p.m. Nikolin Luigi Marku
7:00 p.m. For all Parishioners of St. Lucy's Parish

Sunday- February 9, 2020 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Leonardo & Irene Servedio
9:00 a.m. Fabian & Rufino Santos
9:15 a.m. Teresa Trapasso
10:30 a.m. Gloria Rivera
12:00 p.m. Special Intention
12:45 p.m. Creole Mass - Center Chapel
1:15 p.m. Martin Almonte & Elvira Mahuiz



We welcome

*Arcely Reboseno, Denise Reboseno,
Lucio Reboseno, Santiago Reboseno,
Samira Rodriguez, Anthony Perez &
Jose Enrique Lucero*

*Baptized on January 26, 2020
into the Roman Catholic Church
and our Parish community of St. Lucy*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — There will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek (Malachi 3:1-4).

Psalm — Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord! (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — Jesus had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way to help the descendants of Abraham (Hebrews 2:14-18).

Gospel — The just and pious Simeon proclaims the infant Jesus to be a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of the people Israel (Luke 2:22-40 [22-32]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7;
Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3;
Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43

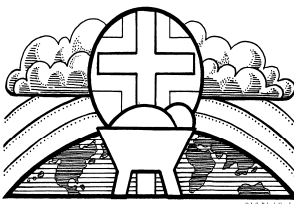
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12;
Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5;
Mt 5:13-16



The Presentation of the Lord February 2, 2020

He had to become like his
brothers and sisters in every
way.— *Hebrews 2:17a*



*Best Wishes & Blessings to
Gjergj & Vera Vuktilaj
Married on January 25, 2020*

Requiescant in Pace

Please remember in your prayers the parishioners, friends, relatives and benefactors who recently died especially, *Filomena Buonvicino*, may they rest in Peace, Amen.

✠ In Memoriam ✠

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

Mildred, Anthony, Phil & Brandy Capano
Requested by Roseann Cirelli

Message from Father Pergjini:

It is hard to believe, but very soon I will leave Saint Lucy's parish, and all of you who are dear faithful parishioners, as I move along to my new assignment. As I look back on the time spent in this wonderful parish, on my knees I thank the Almighty Father for the great gift of these years working in His vineyard, serving Him and you at Saint Lucy's. With you, dear faithful people, we give glory to His name by regular prayer, trying to be faithful to his commandments, going to confession, and worshiping Him, some of you daily, and the majority of you coming every Sunday at Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. This brings to mind many names, and even more faces, so many of you who have touched me and inspired me by your help and generosity to our parish. I am so moved by your deep devotion, praying during our daily Eucharistic adoration, and all night adoration on the first Friday of every month. I will never forget those who spent all night on their knees, adoring Christ on the Altar and praying until six in the morning, ending the long night of adoration with the celebration of Holy Mass.

This parish is blessed to have many groups, most of them Spanish, and all them have been a blessing to our parish because of their focus on prayer, especially Eucharist adoration, rosary, bible study, and other spiritual activities. In cold and hot weather they came to pray, to adore Christ on the Altar. With humble recognition, I realize that the church was not very hot during winter time, and not cooled down during the hot and humid days of summer. I told everyone that we had to save. Most of our faithful never complained. I was with them in cold and hot, with them I prayed, inspired by them and praying for them as they prayed for me. The many beautiful events during these years will remain always in my heart and mind. The different processions during the year, the spiritual pilgrimages, the annual March for Life with the students of our school and others from our parish, the early Saturday morning prayers outside the abortion clinic with many dedicated prolife parishioners, the dedicated extraordinary Eucharist ministers who faithfully go to the nursing homes for prayer services and distributing Holy Communion, and many other weekly and monthly events, have combined to become an amazing spiritual power that has strengthened my faith during these years.

During this time, I have tried my best to serve you, but still could have been better in many areas of my ministry, and for that I ask forgiveness from Christ and you for those times when, through my fault, I have failed to serve you properly. On the other hand, I am at peace before Christ and all of you that from the pulpit and also privately, I never compromised His Divine Truth, His commandments, and the teaching of our Catholic Church. Almost at every Sunday Holy Mass, I insisted that the sacrament of confession and the Holy Mass are inseparable. That meant that none of us can receive Holy Communion if we are unprepared sacramentally. I did preach this with my whole my heart and soul, because negligence in understanding of the Eucharist, is a large problem. We have failed to fully address this during many of the recent years in our Catholic Church. Lots of people well understood and humbly accepted the need for confession and to be in the state of grace before receiving Holy Communion. Still others were angry and never wanted to accept this demanding requirement for proper reception of Holy Communion. At least I did my part, the rest I left in the hands of Christ. I begged Him to touch me with His patience and love, and to help our faithful parishioners to realize that what I spoke of in this regard did not come from a personal opinion on my part, but directly from the teaching of our Catholic Church.

In my priestly ministry, I am blessed to have known many people who knew the redeeming value of the sacraments. They know that we must be in the state of grace, in order to receive them. The students in our school will remember that Father Pergjini frequently spoke about confession as indispensable in order to receive the Body of Christ. I am very happy to have seen that many of our students are paying close attention to these lessons of our faith, both in the classroom and at the celebration of Holy Mass.

Finally, I thank all of you who have been part of my priestly life during these years at Saint Lucy, In my heart I thank God for all those who are living, and all those who have gone home to heaven, for their many prayers over the years. These have helped me every day in my attempts to live a life acceptable to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. And every day, I pray for you all, during the Holy Mass and at the foot of the Altar. I thank all of you dear faithful people who give up your time to read these words of mine. I thank you for your prayers, your generosity, and your patient understanding of me. May I humbly ask you to think and pray for me as I leave this beautiful parish. May Christ who placed me here among you and wants me to go somewhere else now, strengthen all of us to accept His will, to realize that we belong only to Him, and that He will never abandon us. I place all of you, and myself in the real presence of the Eucharist, humbly kneeling before Him on the Altar. Saint Lucy and Our lady Of Lourdes intercede for all of us! Amen!

Mensaje del Padre Pergjini:

Es difícil de creer, pero muy pronto dejaré la parroquia de Santa Lucía, y a todos ustedes que son queridos feligreses fieles, a medida que avanzo hacia mi nueva asignación. Al recordar el tiempo que pasé en esta maravillosa parroquia, de rodillas agradezco al Padre Todopoderoso por el gran regalo de estos años trabajando en su viña, sirviéndole a Él y a usted en Santa Lucía. Con ustedes, queridas personas fieles, damos gloria a Su nombre mediante oraciones regulares, tratando de ser fieles a sus mandamientos, confesándonos y adorándolo, algunos de ustedes diariamente, y la mayoría de ustedes vienen todos los domingos al Santo Sacrificio de Dios. la misa. Esto me recuerda muchos nombres, y aún más rostros, tantos de ustedes que me han tocado y me han inspirado con su ayuda y generosidad en nuestra parroquia. Estoy tan conmovido por su profunda devoción, rezando durante nuestra adoración eucarística diaria y toda la noche el primer viernes de cada mes. Nunca olvidaré a aquellos que pasaron toda la noche de rodillas, adorando a Cristo en el Altar y rezando hasta las seis de la mañana, terminando la larga noche de adoración con la celebración de la Santa Misa.

Esta parroquia tiene la bendición de tener muchos grupos, la mayoría de ellos españoles, y todos han sido una bendición para nuestra parroquia debido a su enfoque en la oración, especialmente la adoración eucarística, el rosario, el estudio de la Biblia y otras actividades espirituales. Cuando hacía frío y calor, venían a rezar, a adorar a Cristo en el Altar. Con humilde reconocimiento, me doy cuenta de que la iglesia no hacía mucho calor durante el invierno y no se enfriaba durante los días cálidos y húmedos del verano. Les dije a todos que teníamos que salvar. La mayoría de nuestros fieles nunca se quejaron. Estaba con ellos en frío y calor, con ellos recé, inspirado por ellos y rezando por ellos mientras rezaban por mí. Los muchos eventos hermosos durante estos años permanecerán siempre en mi corazón y mente. Las diferentes procesiones durante el año, las peregrinaciones espirituales, la Marcha por la Vida anual con los estudiantes de nuestra escuela y otros de nuestra parroquia, las oraciones de la madrugada del sábado fuera de la clínica de abortos con muchos feligreses dedicados de la proliferación, los ministros extraordinarios dedicados de la Eucaristía que fielmente ir a los hogares de ancianos para servicios de oración y distribución de la Sagrada Comunión, y muchos otros eventos semanales y mensuales, se han combinado para convertirse en un increíble poder espiritual que ha fortalecido mi fe durante estos años.

Durante este tiempo, he hecho todo lo posible para servirle, pero aún podría haber sido mejor en muchas áreas de mi ministerio, y por eso le pido perdón a Cristo y a usted por esos momentos en que, por mi culpa, no he podido servir usted correctamente. Por otro lado, estoy en paz ante Cristo y todos ustedes, desde el púlpito y también en privado, nunca comprometí Su Verdad Divina, Sus mandamientos y las enseñanzas de nuestra Iglesia Católica. Casi todos los domingos, la Santa Misa, insistí en que el sacramento de la confesión y la Santa Misa son inseparables. Eso significa que ninguno de nosotros puede recibir la Sagrada Comunión si no estamos preparados sacramentalmente. Prediqué esto con todo mi corazón y mi alma, porque la negligencia en la comprensión de la Eucaristía es un gran problema. Hemos fallado en abordar completamente esto durante muchos de los últimos años en nuestra Iglesia Católica. Mucha gente bien entendida y humildemente aceptó la necesidad de confesarse y estar en estado de gracia antes de recibir la Sagrada Comunión. Aún otros estaban enojados y nunca quisieron aceptar este exigente requisito para la recepción adecuada de la Sagrada Comunión. Al menos hice mi parte, el resto lo dejé en manos de Cristo. Le supliqué que me tocara con su paciencia y amor, y que ayudara a nuestros fieles feligreses a darse cuenta de que lo que hablé a este respecto no vino de una opinión personal de mi parte, sino directamente de la enseñanza de nuestra Iglesia Católica.

En mi ministerio sacerdotal, tengo la bendición de haber conocido a muchas personas que conocían el valor redentor de los sacramentos. Saben que debemos estar en estado de gracia para recibirlos. Los estudiantes de nuestra escuela recordarán que el Padre Pergjini frecuentemente hablaba de la confesión como algo indispensable para recibir el Cuerpo de Cristo. Estoy muy feliz de haber visto que muchos de nuestros estudiantes están prestando mucha atención a estas lecciones de nuestra fe, tanto en el aula como en la celebración de la Santa Misa.

Finalmente, les agradezco a todos ustedes que han sido parte de mi vida sacerdotal durante estos años en Santa Lucía. En mi corazón agradezco a Dios por todos los que viven y todos los que se han ido a casa al cielo, por sus muchas oraciones por los años. Estos me han ayudado todos los días en mis intentos de vivir una vida aceptable para nuestro Señor y Salvador Jesucristo. Y todos los días, oro por todos ustedes, durante la Santa Misa y al pie del Altar. Les agradezco a todos ustedes, queridos fieles, que renuncian a su tiempo para leer estas palabras mías. Les agradezco sus oraciones, su generosidad y su paciente comprensión de mí. Puedo humildemente pedirte que pienses y ores por mí cuando salga de esta hermosa parroquia. Que Cristo, que me colocó aquí entre ustedes y quiere que vaya a otro lugar ahora, nos fortalezca a todos para que aceptemos su voluntad, para darnos cuenta de que le pertenecemos solo a Él y que nunca nos abandonará. Los coloco a todos ustedes y a mí mismo en la presencia real de la Eucaristía, humildemente arrodillados ante Él en el Altar. ¡Santa Lucía y Nuestra Señora de Lourdes interceden por todos nosotros! ¡Amén!

Our Lady of Lourdes



Tuesday,

February 11, 2020

Holy Sacrifice
of the Mass will be
celebrated at the
Grotto at 12:30 p.m.

Saint Pope John Paul II designated the 11th of February as World Day of the Sick, “a special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one’s suffering for the good of the Church and of reminding us to see in our sick brother and sister the face of Christ who, by suffering, dying, and rising, achieved the salvation of humankind.”

 FAITH FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS
St Lucy's School - First Holy Communion - Important Dates

MON	May 4	5:30 p.m.	First Penance (takes place in the Church)
FRI	May 8	During the Day	Rehearsal (takes place in the Church)
SAT	May 9	10:30 a.m.	First Holy Communion (takes place in the Church)

Confirmation Program - Important Dates

TUES	May 19	8:00 a.m.	Confirmation Retreat (Padre Pio Shrine)
TUES	May 26	5:00 p.m.	Rehearsal (take place in the auditorium sponsors required to be present)
WED	May 27	6:00 p.m.	Rite of Confirmation (takes place in the auditorium)

Candidates and sponsors must arrive in the cafeteria by 5 pm to line up if they want to take pictures by 4.

Religious Education Program - First Holy Communion - Important Dates**Group 1 (Second and Third Grades)**

MON	May 11	5:30 p.m.	First Penance (takes place in the Church)
FRI	May 15	6:00 p.m.	Rehearsal (takes place in the Church)
SAT	May 16	10:30 a.m.	First Holy Communion (takes place in the Church)

Group 2 (Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Grades)

MON	May 18	5:30 p.m.	First Penance (takes place in the Church)
FRI	May 22	6:00 p.m.	Rehearsal (takes place in the Church)
SAT	May 23	10:30 a.m.	First Holy Communion (takes place in the Church)

St. Lucy will provide 1 altar picture for additional photos please make arrangements with the photographer at your expense. The photographer will be available to take additional photos in the cafeteria approximately 2 hours before the ceremony: (9 am for Communions and 4 pm for Confirmation).

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ANUNCIOS DEL PROGRAMA DE ESTUDIOS RELIGIOSO
Confirmación – Fechas Importantes

martes	mayo 19	8:00 a.m.	Confirmación Retiro (Padre Pio Shrine)
martes	mayo 26	5:00 p.m.	Ensayo (en el auditorio los padrinos tienen que participar)
miércoles	mayo 27	6:00 p.m.	Confirmación (en el auditorio)

Los estudiantes de confirmación deben de llegar a la cafetería a las 5pm para alinear si quieren tomar fotos deben de llegar a las 4pm.

Programa de Estudios Religioso - Primera Comunión - Fechas Importantes**Grupo 1 (segundo y tercer grados)**

lunes	mayo 11	5:30 p.m.	Confesión (en la iglesia)
viernes	mayo 15	6:00 p.m.	Ensayo (en la iglesia)
sábado	mayo 16	10:30 a.m.	Primera Comunión (en la iglesia)

Grupo 2 (cuarto, quinto y sexto grados)

lunes	mayo 18	5:30 p.m.	Confesión (en la iglesia)
viernes	mayo 22	6:00 p.m.	Ensayo (en la iglesia)
sábado	mayo 23	10:30 a.m.	Primera Comunión (en la iglesia)

Santa Lucía proporcionará 1 foto en el altar, para fotos adicionales por favor haga arreglos con el fotógrafo a su cargo. El fotógrafo estará en la cafetería aproximadamente dos horas antes de las ceremonias (9 a.m. para las Comuniones y 4:00 pm para la Confirmación).



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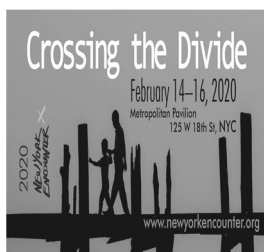
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The 2020 NEW YORK ENCOUNTER themed *Crossing the Divide*, will take place February 14-16 at the Metropolitan



Pavilion, 125 West 18th Street in Manhattan. The Encounter is a three-day cultural event organized by members of **Communion and Liberation** featuring panel discussions, artistic performances and unique exhibits. Some highlights: Witnesses on the enduring importance of family with **J. D. Flynn**, editor-in-chief of the *Catholic News Agency*, and **Sarah**

Hemminger, founder and CEO of Thread. A presentation of *Where is God?*, with its author **Fr. Julián Carrón**, leader of Communion and Liberation. A conversation on what can overcome racial ideology with **Daryl Davis**, musician, and **Christian Piccolini**, founder of the Free Radical Projects global network. An exhibit on **artificial intelligence** and its ethical dilemmas. A remembrance of the **martyrdom of 40 Burundians** killed by Hutu rebels, and **21 Copts** killed by ISIS extremists. These events and many others can be found at newyorkencounter.org. All events are **FREE** and no registration is required. All are invited!

The Feast of Saint Blaise

Monday, February 3rd

Blessing of the throats will take place after the 8:00 & 9:00 a.m. Holy Masses.



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All Night Adoration



**First Friday, February 7th
beginning at 8 p.m. until
6 a.m. Saturday morning
Followed by the celebration of
Holy Mass**

**Adoration will take place in the
chapel of St. Lucy's Center**

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(corner of Bronxwood and Waring Ave.)

**We invite all parishioners to attend
and volunteer during the night.**



World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church today, Sunday, February 2, 2020. Its purpose is "to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels" as well as "to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord." (St. John Paul II, 1997). Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

La Fiesta de San Blas

lunes 3 de febrero

Bendición de las garganta llevará a cabo después de las 8:00 y 9:00 a.m. Santas Misas.



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