

ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE PARISH, BROOKLYN, NY

REFLECTION

How often are we like Abraham? God tells Abraham that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and he accepts that. But then God says that Abraham will possess a massive expanse of land, and Abraham asks how he will know that to be true? Is one ordinary and the other extraordinary? Which one? Why question one and not the other, or why not accept both as gifts from God and rejoice in them? Perhaps even more amazing in this story is that God doesn't rebuke Abraham, but instead creates a ritual to confirm the divine promise. How magnanimous is God! How patient not only with Abraham, but with us, we who are much more like frightened and mystified Peter, James, and John in the Gospel and the folks whose "minds are occupied with earthly things," in St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians! And if even that can be topped, God sends us Jesus and makes it clear, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." Maybe it's time to trust God more intensely and listen more attentively.

Pax Christi Metro New York

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Third Sunday of Lent: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15; Psalm 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; and Luke 13:1-9.

ON THE CALENDAR

Monday, March 18

- 9:45am Lenten Bible Study (CHU)
- 7pm Lenten Bible Study (CHU)
- 7:30pm Jornada Meeting (KH)

Tuesday, March 19

- 9:30am ESL Classes (KH)
- 6:30pm Dance and Movement Class (KH)
- 7pm Parish Council Meeting (PHLR)

Wednesday, March 20

- 9:30am Miraculous Medal Novena (CHU)
- 9:30am Communion & Liberation (CHUU)
- 9:45am St. Vincent de Paul Food Distribution (KH)
- 6pm Communion & Liberation (PHDR)
- 7:30pm Women's Spirituality Group Meeting (PHLR)

Thursday, March 21

- 9:30am Rosary (CHU)
- 9:30am ESL Classes (KH)
- 3:45pm Religious Ed Classes, Gr. 1 to 5 (KH, CHU)
- 7:30pm Via Crucis (CHU)

Friday, March 22

- 9:30am Stations of the Cross (CHU)
- 3:30pm Girl Scout Meetings (KH)
- 7pm Religious Ed Classes, Gr. 6, 7, 8 (KH, CHU)

Saturday, March 23

- 9:30am Rosary (CHU)
- 10am Religious Ed Classes, Gr. 1 to 5 (KH)
- 4:30pm Confessions (CHU)
- 5:45pm Bread for the World Letter Writing (GS)
- 7pm Movie Night (KH)

Sunday, March 24

- After All Masses: Bread for the World Letter Writing (GS)
- 9:30am Religious Ed Class, Gr. 2 (PHDR)
- 10:15am Rosary (CHU)
- 11am First Reconciliation Retreat begins at Mass
- 12pm First Reconciliation Retreat continues (KH)
- 12:30pm RCIA Meeting (PHLR)

REFLEXIÓN

¿Con qué frecuencia somos como Abraham? Dios le dice a Abraham que sus descendientes serán tan numerosos como las estrellas, y él acepta eso. Pero luego Dios dice que Abraham tendrá una extensión masiva de tierra, y Abraham le pregunta cómo sabrá que eso es verdad. ¿Es una promesa ordinaria y la otra extraordinaria? ¿Cuál? ¿Por qué cuestionar una y no la otra, o por qué no aceptar ambas como regalos de Dios y regocijarse en ellas? Quizás aún más sorprendente en esta historia es que Dios no reprende a Abraham, sino que crea un ritual para confirmar la promesa divina. ¡Qué magnánimo es Dios! Qué paciente es, no solo con Abraham, sino con nosotros; nosotros, que somos mucho más como Pedro, Santiago, y como Juan en el Evangelio, asustados y desconcertados y como las personas cuyas "mentes están ocupadas con cosas terrenales," en la Carta de San Pablo a los Filipenses! Y si incluso eso pudiera ser superado, Dios nos envía a Jesús y lo deja claro: "Este es mi Hijo elegido; escúchalo." Tal vez es tiempo de confiar en Dios más intensamente y escuchar con más atención.

LECTURAS PARA EL PROXIMO DOMINGO

Tercero Domingo de Cuaresma: Éxodos 3:1-8, 13-15; Salmo 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Corintios 10:1-6, 10-12; y Lucas 13:1-9.

HAPPY 101ST BIRTHDAY, DOROTHY DUERR!

Dorothy Duerr, one of the founding members of our parish, celebrated her 101st birthday on March 9. Many blessings to you, Dorothy!

DURING LENT / DURANTE CUARESMA

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at 9:30am

VÍA CRUCIS

Jueves a las 7:30pm

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

MONDAYS IN LENT, 9:45AM AND 7PM, IN CHURCH

This Monday, March 18, we meet for the second of our Lenten Bible Studies. The prayerful reflection and discussion will be on Luke 22:39-53, "Jesus Prays and Is Arrested on The Mount of Olives." The study will be offered in the church at 9:45am and again at 7pm. Please come and bring your Bible, however, one will be provided if you need it.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GROUP FOOD PANTRY

Your donations to the pantry of non-perishable food is truly appreciated. Please place your donations in the baskets located in the Gathering Spaces. Epecially needed are cans of pork and beans, macaroni and cheese, Carnation milk, canned vegetables and pasta. The next monthly distribution is on **Wednesday, March 20, from 9:45am to 10:45am**, in Kiernan Hall. La próxima distribución de comida será el **miércoles, 20 de marzo, de 9:45am a 10:45am**. La documentación no es necesaria. Plastic shopping bags are also needed for packing up groceries. The bags may also be placed in the baskets in the Gathering Spaces.

BOOK CLUB

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 7:30PM, IN THE PARISH HOUSE

St. Andrew's Book Club will resume on Tuesday, March 26, at 7:30pm in the Parish House. The Book Club will be discussing Beneath the Scarlet Sky by Mark Sullivan. The Book Club will continue to meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm in the Parish House. All are welcome. There will be a booklist for the year's selections in the Gathering Space.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION A GENTLE REMINDER TO OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM PARENTS

First Reconciliation Retreat
will be held at church on Sunday, March 24, at 11am.
First Reconciliation Prayer Service
will be held on Saturday, April 6, at 11:30am.

AVISO DEL DIRECTOR DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA UN RECORDATORIO AMABLE PARA NUESTROS PADRES DEL PROGRAMA DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:

Retiro de Primera Reconciliación
se llevará a cabo en la iglesia el domingo
24 de marzo a las 11am.

Servicio de Oración de Primera Reconciliación
se llevará a cabo el sábado 6 de abril a las 11:30am.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD 2019 OFFERING OF LETTERS BETTER NUTRITION, BETTER TOMORROW AFTER MASSES ON MARCH 23-24 AND APRIL 6-7

This year, as Congress works on the 2020 budget and spending bills, we are asking that their funding decisions support legislation and increased funding to accelerate progress on global malnutrition. Almost half of all child deaths worldwide are linked to malnutrition. The children who survive remain at high risk of irreversible stunting, which affects their physical and cognitive development. We are making progress, but it is far too slow. Increased access to nutritious food and vitamins and ensuring safe drinking water and sanitation will enable more children to grow and reach their full potential.

St. Andrew the Apostle parish is conducting its Offering of Letters after all Masses during the weekends of March 23-24 and April 6-7. There will be a table in the Gathering Space where volunteers will assist you in signing letters addressed to our representatives in the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. Please verify which representative's district (Max Rose or Jerrold Nadler) you reside in prior to signing.

Volunteers are needed to assist parishioners in signing the letters. Please contact John Kemp at 917-589-5248 if you wish to help.

AFTERNOON TEA ON SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2:30PM

Invitations are now available to register, email for a copy of the booklet, or leave a message for John Kemp at the Parish House (718-680-1010). Donations encouraged.

New and unused items you don't need will gratefully be accepted to be included in the raffle baskets. As many know, the raffle baskets are one of the highlights of the Tea. You may drop off the item (marked "For TEA") at the Parish House or in the main Gathering Space by **Sunday, April 7**. Thank you.

Would you like to be a member of the TEAm organizing the Tea - by shopping, or visiting local businesses for donations, or making finger sandwiches or desserts, or helping on the day of the Tea? You can choose any task that fits your schedule. To volunteer or to learn more, you may contact Ann Smyth at StAndrewRelEdu@gmail.com or on Extension 20; or Christine Kemp at chriskemp1014@gmail.com or at 917-589-5104.

DON'T GIVE UP CHOCOLATE FOR LENT

Lent comes every year. It's meant to be a time when we invite God to help us become the-best-version-of ourselves. But for many of us, Lent isn't a transformative experience. It's just a time when we give up chocolate or something else we enjoy, then go back to it at Easter. This year, you can change that with **BEST LENT EVER**. Each day of Lent, you'll receive a short inspirational video online that will help you find areas for growth, build better habits, and spark lasting change in your life. All you have to do is sign up at BestLentEver.com.

LENTEN REGULATIONS REGLAMENTOS DE CUARESMA

Please remember that Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence (no meat and only one full meal). All Lenten Fridays are days of abstinence (no meat). Please join with all of our brothers and sisters throughout the world in these times of Penance during Lent.

Recuerde que el Viernes Santo es un día de ayuno y abstinencia (no se come carne y solo una comida completa al día). Todos los viernes de Cuaresma son días de abstinencia (no se come carne). Por favor únase a todos nuestros hermanos y hermanas de todo el mundo en estos tiempos de Penitencia durante la Cuaresma.

FROM CONFLICT TO COMMON GROUND A WORKSHOP IN CONFLICT RESOLUTION SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 1PM TO 4:30PM, IN KIERNAN HALL

St. Andrew the Apostle Church, in cooperation with Pax Christi Metro New York, welcomes you to this Workshop in Conflict Resolution which will be conducted by Rosemarie Pace, PhD, Executive Director, Pax Christi Metro New York.

The session is designed to teach positive, creative approaches to the conflicts that we face daily. The program is unique because it instructs participants in the methodology of peacemaking and places conflict resolution in a Christian context. Nonviolent conflict resolution grows out of the Christian tradition.

Through personal stories, interactive exercises, and free exchange, you will develop a new capacity to navigate the murky waters of hate and bigotry so you can transform yourself and the world around you.

You will grow in your abilities to ease tension and build positive relationships; learn the role of healthy conflict in all relationships; understand the importance of personal boundaries; and gain tools to identify and use your emotions effectively.

HELP PROTECT OUR CHILDREN

The Diocese of Brooklyn wishes to do everything possible to see that all people, particularly children, are safe in all pastoral settings. Excuses and rationalizations for such criminal actions will not be accepted. To report sexual abuse involving diocesan personnel—priests, deacons, teachers, employees or volunteers at schools or parishes please call The Diocese of Brooklyn toll-free, confidential reporting number 1-888-634-4499

Members of the Parish Council / Miembros del Consejo Parroquial — Maryann Coluccio, Maryellen Connolly, Maricela Eumana, Christine Kemp, John Kemp, Pierre Lehu, Annemarie Leyden, Senen Martinez, Eleanor Petty, Yolanda Perez, Lois Seelandt and LaNell Schultheis. To contact any a Parish Council member, please leave a message at the Parish House office or send an email to PPCStAndrews@gmail.com. Para contactar a un miembro del Consejo Parroquial, deje un mensaje en la oficina de Oficina Parroquial, o envíe un correo electrónico a PPCStAndrews@gmail.com.

MARCH 17, 2019

**PAX CHRISTI'S
37th ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS:**

Join with hundreds of others in the largest public Christian peace witness in New York City. This Way of the Cross is a modern-day Stations of the Cross, witnessing for peace and justice in the streets of our city. The theme this year is "Jesus Calls Us to Truth and Forgiveness." At each Station, we reflect on our participation in a world still characterized by crucifixion. The walk begins at 8:30am on Friday, March 30, at 47th Street between First and Second Avenues and proceeds along 42nd Street, ending on 42nd Street between Eighth and Ninth Avenues around noon. For more information, please contact Pax Christi Metro New York at info@nypaxchristi.org, www.nypaxchristi.org or 212-420-0250.

**DANCE AND MOVEMENT CLASSES
TUESDAYS, 6:30PM TO 7:30PM**

ShapeUpNYC Classes have resumed for weekly Dance and Movement Classes on Tuesdays, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. The classes are held in Kiernan Hall. There is *no* charge for the classes. Pre-registration is not required. The classes are sponsored by the Family Health Center at NYU Langone and the "Shape-Up NYC" program. Bring water, and wear comfortable clothing.

**HOLY ANGELS CATHOLIC ACADEMY
337 74TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY**

Parents, was your child born in 2015? Holy Angels Catholic Academy is building students' knowledge, skills and confidence in its Pre-K Program. To learn more about the Early Childhood Programs, contact Principal Rosemarie McGoldrick at 718-238-5045. 2019-2020 registration is open. You may also visit the school's website, holyangelsbayridge.org.

WOUNDED PILGRIMS SUPPORT GROUP

On the first Friday of each month, there is an online support group, "Wounded Pilgrims," for those who have experienced abuse in the name of God. This would be a time to share, help each other and, hopefully, be part of a healing journey that would help people to continue on their spiritual "pilgrimage." For information, contact Maureen Griffio at mgriffio@aol.com or 718-496-3091.

CONTRIBUTIONS STATEMENT

Please call the Parish House if you would like to receive the statement of your contributions for the year 2018.

OPEN MASS INTENTIONS IN 2019

December 28	Saturday	9am
December 30	Monday	9am
December 31	Saturday	9am

Visit the Parish House Office to register your Mass intentions. The offering for an announced Mass is \$15 for weekday Masses and \$20 for Saturday evening, Sunday and holy day Masses.

Por favor, visite la oficina de la parroquia, en horario de oficina, para registrar sus intenciones para las misas. La ofrenda de una misa solicitada es de \$15 para las misas entre semana y \$20 para la noche del sábado, domingo y misas de días santos.

**ST. EPHREM SPIRITUALITY CENTER
935 Bay Ridge Parkway, Brooklyn, 718-238-9518**

A Lenten Retreat—"The Journey with Jesus' Way of Life" will be held on Tuesdays, March 19 and 26, April 2 and 9, at 1pm in the Spirituality Center. The presenter is Sr. Ann. The themes will be: Jesus Teaches Us Justice; Jesus Shows Us Faithfulness; Jesus Calls Us to Ongoing Conversion; Jesus Sends Us On Mission; Jesus Shows us Discipleship. The offering is \$5 per session or free will (payment acceptable at the door).

**GUIDELINES FOR POSTING PHOTOS
ON PARISH WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE**

Photos of St. Andrew events can now be added to our website, as well as to the parish Facebook page. For adults, participation at a public event signifies permission for photos to be taken and then posted on the website. For children who are in the Religious Education program, parents sign a form when registering their children for classes, giving permission for their children's photos to be posted. For those who do not want their photos or their children's photos to be taken at a parish event, please let the photographer know of your wishes.

DONATE YOUR AUTO

Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn (formerly St. Vincent de Paul) gives back. For each car, truck or van, running or not, the Associated Vincentian Charities will give back to your parish \$75 to \$200 per vehicle. If you, a family member or friend have an old or neglected vehicle that is not being used, please call 718-491-3525 or e-mail svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org. IRS tax deduction; free towing; any condition.

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Vesuvio Restaurant and Pizzeria is a family-oriented restaurant at 7305 3rd Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, 718-745-0222. Vesuvio is participating in a 5% rebate campaign with St. Andrew the Apostle Church. Please present this coupon with your bill and St. Andrew's will receive 5% of your bill as a donation to the church. This coupon is only good for EAT IN dinners on "NON" holiday/special menu days.



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

	Saturday, March 16
5pm	Michael and Grace Sanders
	Sunday, March 17
9am	Rev. Thaddeus J. Kazanecki
11am	John Riordan
12:30pm	Pasqualina Stankus
	Monday, March 18
9am	Pasqualina Stankus
	Tuesday, March 19
9am	Bernetta Cogan
	Wednesday, March 20
9am	Anton Srsich
	Thursday, March 21
9am	Communion Service
	Friday, March 22
9am	Rose Lutfy
	Saturday, March 23
9am	Eufrosio Jimenez
5pm	Judith Carman, Judy Palmeri and Samantha Palmeri
	Sunday, March 24
9am	Victoria Greenly
11am	Michael Migliore
12:30pm	Pasqualina Stankus

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGES

Oberammergau, The Passion Play, May 12 to May 21, 2020—Visits to Wurzburg, Rothenburg, Rebensburg, Passau, Salzburg and Munich. Bishop Octavio Cisneros will be the Spiritual Director, and Rev. Frank Schwarz will be Chaplain. For a brochure, contact Peters Way Tours at kaitlin@petersway.com, or 516-605-1551 Extension 17.

52nd International Eucharist Congress in Budapest, September 13 to September 21, 2020—Visits to Vienna and Prague. Bishop James Massa will be the Spiritual Director. For a brochure, contact Regina Tours at avillegas@groupist.com or at 800-228-4654, Extension 250.

ST. EPHREM SPIRITUALITY CENTER 935 Bay Ridge Parkway, Brooklyn, 718-238-9518

Bereavement Support Group Sessions: 7pm on Mondays, March 18, 25; April 1, 8, 15, 29; May 6, 13, 20.

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS

Gluten-free hosts are available. Please mention your need to a Eucharistic Minister prior to the beginning of Mass.

OFFERINGS

BREAD AND WINE

In loving memory of **Lauretta Kearns**
from MaryEllen and Bill Kearns

IN OUR PRAYERS

Remember the sick of our parish in your prayers.

Sylvia Carman, Stephanie Cioffi, Jimmy Collins,
Bertina Lazaro Contreras, Jay Daniel, Gerard (Jerry) Farnen,
John Farrell, Wolfgang Fritsch, John Kitson, Anne Lessing,
Vivian Marchiano, Mary McConnell, Rose Muller,
Michael Murno, Peggy Murray, Margaret and Peter Philips,
Eileen Piscao, Trinidad Sanchez, Theresa Soloman,
John Srsich, Joan Stillwell, Ian Sullivan, Marsha Tankovich
and Blanca Torres

Pray for all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, especially

Carol Fisher and Leana Morton

Remember our service men and women serving around the world and the wounded.

PLEASE LET US KNOW

Please call the Parish House to let us know if there is someone who is sick and who you would like to be mentioned and prayed for at the Prayer of the Faithful at the Sunday Masses.

IN LOVING MEMORY / EN CARIÑOSO RECUERDO

A special way to remember your deceased is to offer the hosts and wine, altar candles or tabernacle candle in their memory during one of the weeks of the year. The donation for each of these memorials is \$25 for the week, and your intention is printed in the bulletin that week. Please visit the Parish House Office to register your intention for one of these special memorials.

Una manera especial de recordar a sus difuntos es ofrecer las hostias y el vino, las velas del altar o las velas del tabernáculo en su memoria, durante una de las semanas del año. La donación para cada una de estas ofrendas es de \$25 para la semana, y su intención se imprime en el boletín de la semana. Por favor, póngase en contacto con la oficina de la parroquia para registrar su intención de uno de estos actos de recuerdo especiales.

PRAYER NETWORK

The Prayer Network is a group of faithful joined in private and communal prayer to pray for the needs of all who ask. A prayer shawl/blanket/comfort cap ministry is tied to the Prayer Network. We have many volunteers create beautiful items which are brought to the sick and homebound, and to children at Ronald McDonald House and Sloan Kettering, as well as to a home for unwed mothers. To add a name to our prayer list, or to learn more about the online and telephone system and the Prayer Shawl/Blanket and Comfort Cap Ministry, please contact Maryann Polesinelli at 718-759-0848.

ATTENTION ALL GROUPS AND COORDINATORS: Information for the bulletin must be submitted two weeks prior to the date you want the information in the bulletin. Pulpit announcements must be submitted by Wednesday for the coming Sunday. Send by