

Saint Lucy's Parish

BRONX, NEW YORK



I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE.

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 8:00am (Italian), 9:00am (English)
5:30pm (Albanian), 7:00pm (English)

Sunday: 8:00am (Italian),
9:00am (Spanish - Auditorium)
9:15am, 10:30am, 12 noon (English),
1:15pm (Spanish)

Weekdays: 8:00am (Italian), 9:00am (English),
Thursdays: 7:00pm (Spanish)

Eucharistic Adoration: Every Saturday 9:30am - 12pm
& First Friday of the Month after the 7:30pm Holy Mass

CONFESSON: Saturdays 3:00- 4:00pm & 6:30pm-7:00pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

FRIDAYS:

Italian - 8:30am Albanian - 6:00pm
English - 6:30pm Spanish - 7:00pm

VOCATIONS

Is God calling you to the priesthood or religious life? Speak to one of our priests or call the Archdiocese Vocations Office at (914) 968-1340.

BAPTISMS/WEDDINGS

Please make arrangements with a Parish Priest at the rectory office at least six months in advance.

EMERGENCY/SICK CALLS

If you know a sick parishioner who is in the hospital, nursing home or homebound, kindly let us know. Please call the Rectory at any time, day or night.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Every family in the parish is asked to register at the parish office. If you have changed your address or family information, please inform the Parish Office.

Pastor

Rev. Nikolin Pergjini

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Louis J. Anderson

Sunday Associates

Rev. Msgr. Frederick J. Becker

Director of Music

Dr. Peter Mutarelli

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www.stlucysreligiouseducation.com

Mrs. Angela LeClerc, Coordinator

ST. LUCY'S SCHOOL: 718-882-2203

830 Mace Avenue Bronx, NY 10467

Mrs. Stefanini, Principal

ST. LUCY'S GIFT SHOP: 718-882-0710

Open every day, 10:00am-5:00pm,

Closed for half hour lunch 12-12:30pm

SCALA SANTA

Open 11AM - 4PM Saturday & Sunday, weather permitting

GROTTO - LOURDES OF AMERICA

Open every day, morning to evening, weather permitting

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - FEBRUARY 24, 2013

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**Monday- February 25th: Lenten Weekday**

8:00am Special Intention
9:00am Angelo DiLaura

Tuesday- February 26th: Lenten Weekday

8:00am Mark Prela
9:00am Thomas Giancaspro

Wednesday- February 27th: Lenten Weekday

8:00am Ursula Hilton and Magnus Hilton
9:00am Klaudio Simoni

Thursday- February 28th: Lenten Weekday

8:00am Special Intention
9:00am All Souls
7:00pm Maria, Naily and Marlyn Rosario

Friday- March 1st: Lenten Weekday, First Friday

8:00am Angelina Scodes
9:00am Antonette Strazza
7:30pm All Souls

Saturday- March 2nd: Lenten Weekday, First Saturday

8:00am Luka Lukic
9:00am Rolando Rocchi
5:30pm Kol Gjonaj
7:00pm Gloria Baron

Sunday- March 3rd: Third Sunday of Lent

8:00am Mariana Messina
9:00am Artemia, Aurelio and Crecencio Santos and
Manuela Martinez
9:15am Paola Figueroa
10:30am Saul Rivera
12:00pm Giuseppe and Maria DiMartino
1:15pm Henry Boya

Requiescant in Pace

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

*Ann Degand and Joseph Esposito
May they rest in Peace. Amen.*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD made a covenant with Abram (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18)

Psalm — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — Our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]).

Gospel — Atop a mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Luke 9:28b-36).

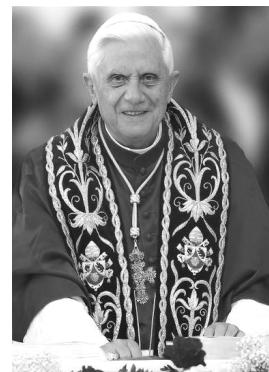
Farewell prayer to Pope Benedict XVI

O God, who chose your servant Benedict in succession to the Apostle Peter as shepherd of the whole flock, look favorably on the supplications of your people and grant that, as Vicar of Christ on earth, he may confirm his brethren and that the whole Church may be in communion with him in the bond of unity, love and peace, so that in you, the shepherd of souls, all may know the truth and attain life eternal.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

We love you, we will miss you, we thank you.

May God Bless You.



Let us Pray- for our men and women serving in Afghanistan and Iraq, especially for:

*Jose Belen, Jeff Malen, Pablo Juan Hernandez
and Rolly Bourdier*

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BAPTISM

We welcome into the Roman Catholic Church and our parish community of St. Lucy, the children who were

Baptized on February 17th:

Aniyah Vonna Battle and

Aaryn Vijay Kumar Suedass Blades

Baptized on February 18th:

Gianna Belle Migliucci

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING SICK WHO HAVE ASKED FOR YOUR PRAYERS: Linda-Sue Warren, Ingrid Arias, Aurora Cappello, Christian Mauser, Ana C. Williams, Michelina Revans, Vera Gjini, Rosetta DeMarco, Cianna Wingstel, Donna Bonhomme, Brendon Hermida, Frank Urello, Donata Urello, Luis Medina, Maria Soto, Robert Roman Jr., Rosa Martinez, Madison Rodriguez, Ralph Hermida, Linda Bracco, Anna Locicero, Sonia Williams, Pierina Porretta, Candida Silverio, Maximina Garcia, Ana Edith Castillo & Evarista Germosen, Juan Hernandez, Taylor Viapiana, Helena DeVenish, Carmen Gomez, Johanna Aranda, Charles Aranda, Angela Ingasia, Paul Keehan, Donna B., Dr. Margory Langer, Josie Badia, Jossie Mc Kenzie, Joseph Esposito, Benito Saavedra and Mary Tardo.

Message from Father Pergjini:

It was Monday February 11, the feast of our Lady of Lourdes. On that rainy and cold early morning the sad news about Pope's resignation added more clouds and cold in my soul. I could not believe and accept that sad news. In silence I went to our private chapel and knelt for few moments to recollect my thoughts and place that sadness before the altar. That Monday I was scheduled to celebrate a Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at Grotto in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes, offered for those who suffer physically, mentally and spiritually. Amazingly the rain stopped a few moments before Holy Mass started. It was still cold outside. To my surprise the Grotto's space was full with people who patiently were standing in silence inside and outside of the Grotto. They were looking with trust and hope to our dear Mother who lovingly was looking at us. During the celebration of the Mass the image of Benedict XVI was very strong within me.

I felt his presence, his powerful writings, his inspiring preaching, and his deep and profound faith, his humble and saintly face when he celebrated Holy Mass. A long time ago, before he became a Pope he was my favored theologian. With great love and interest I bought almost all his books here and in Europe. I read and reread him many times. His amazing work is like a mine that you never find the bottom of it. Reading his amazing work I discovered his beautiful soul presenting in a very simple and humble way the mystery of our salvation. Many times I found refuge in his powerful writings very deep in theology and inspiring in spirituality. My joy and my love for him became greater at his election as our Vicar of Christ in 2005. I will never forget that moment being in the house of some friends when we heard the news. I knelt in front of the TV in tears of joy realizing the great blessing to have him as our Pope. I never thought that he could be elected Pope because of his negative image as a very conservative cardinal, for Christ and to proclaim His truth and love. And then again when he came to New York at St. Patrick Cathedral celebrating the Holy sacrifice of the Mass only for priests and religious communities, it happened that as he was processing in to go the main aisle he passed near me on the left aisle. I took the courage to say to him: What a joy Holy Father to have you here: I stretched my hand to kiss his ring. I was pushed by one of the Swiss guards but still I could manage to reach his hand. He smiled and willing to satisfy my deep desire stretched his hand toward me. I kissed with love and admiration his papal ring on that beautiful spring day of April. In those few seconds my whole being without words thanked him for what he has done for me personally: to deepen my faith and to see better the figure of our Savior in my life. And now suddenly we found out that he is almost at the end of his Pontificate. He entered as my beloved Cardinal Ratzinger the conclave and became Pope Benedict XVI, and on February 28 will leave Vatican not as a Pope, but still my dear and always my favored Cardinal Ratzinger. He decided to make public his resignation February 11, on the feast of Our Lady Lourdes. And we, as a parish being blessed to have this famous shrine and celebrate this Holy sacrifice outside on that rainy and cold winter day, placed Pope Benedict XVI before our blessed mother, the sick, ourselves and those in need of the intervention of our motherly love of Our Lady Of Lourdes. During those divine moments on that cold and rainy day I thanked Almighty Father for the gift of this great man in our life that worked and will continue to work for the Glory of God and His Church. We love you, we thank you and God bless you! It was Monday February 11 the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. It was a cold and rainy day! Our lady Of Lourdes Pray for us! Amen!

*Mensaje del Padre Pergjini:*

Fue el lunes 11 de febrero, fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes. En esa madrugada lluviosa y fría la triste noticia de la renuncia del Papa añadió más nubes y el frío en mi alma. No podía creer y aceptar que la triste noticia. En silencio me fui a la capilla privada y se arrodilló para algunos momentos para recordar mis pensamientos y colocar esa tristeza ante el altar. Ese lunes que estaba programado para celebrar un Santo Sacrificio de la Misa en honor a Gruta de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes, ofrecen para aquellas personas que sufren física, mental y espiritualmente. Sorprendentemente la lluvia se detuvo unos momentos antes de la Santa Misa empezar. Todavía estaba frío fuera. Para mi sorpresa, el espacio de la gruta estaba llena de gente que pacientemente estaban de pie en silencio dentro y fuera de la gruta. Buscaban con confianza y esperanza a nuestra querida Madre que con amor nos estaba mirando. Durante la celebración de la misa

la imagen de Benedicto XVI fue muy fuerte dentro de mí. Sentí su presencia, sus escritos, su predicación poderosa inspiración, y su fe profunda y profunda, su rostro humilde y santa cuando celebraba la Santa Misa Hace mucho tiempo, antes de convertirse en Papa teólogo que era mi favorito. Con gran amor e interés que compré casi todos sus libros aquí y en Europa. He leído y releído muchas veces. Su increíble trabajo es como una mina que nunca a encontrar el fondo de la misma. Al leer su obra increíble que descubrió su hermosa alma presentar de una manera muy sencilla y humilde del misterio de nuestra salvación. Muchas veces he encontrado refugio en sus escritos de gran alcance muy profundo en la teología y en la espiritualidad inspirador. Mi alegría y mi amor por él se hizo más grande en su elección como nuestro Vicario de Cristo en 2005. Nunca olvidaré ese momento de estar en casa de unos amigos cuando nos enteramos de la noticia. Me arrodillé delante de la TV en lágrimas de alegría dando cuenta de la gran bendición de tenerlo como nuestro Papa. Nunca pensé que podía ser elegido Papa por su imagen negativa como un cardenal muy conservador, por Cristo y en proclamar su verdad y amor. Y luego otra vez cuando llegó a Nueva York en la Catedral de San Patricio celebrar el Santo Sacrificio de la Misa sólo para los sacerdotes y comunidades religiosas, sucedió que mientras él estaba procesando en ir por el pasillo principal por la que pasó cerca de mí en el pasillo de la izquierda. Tomé el coraje de decirle: ¡Qué alegría Santo Padre tenerte aquí: Extiéndi mi mano para besarte el anillo. Fui empujado por uno de los guardias suizos, pero aún así lograba alcanzar su mano. Él sonrió y dispuesto a satisfacer mi deseo profundo estiró su mano hacia mí. Me besó con cariño y admiración de su anillo papal en ese hermoso día de primavera de abril. En esos pocos segundos todo mi ser sin palabras, le dio las gracias por lo que ha hecho por mí personalmente: para profundizar mi fe y para ver mejor la figura de nuestro Salvador en mi vida. Y ahora, de repente nos dimos cuenta de que es casi al final de su pontificado. Entró como mi querido cardenal Ratzinger en el cónclave y se convirtió en el Papa Benedicto XVI, y el 28 de febrero saldrá del Vaticano no como Papa, pero sigue siendo mi querido y siempre mi favorito Ratzinger cardenal. Él decidió hacer pública su renuncia el 11 de febrero en la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes. Y nosotros, como parroquia está bendecido para realizar este famoso santuario y celebramos este sacrificio santo fuera en aquel día de invierno lluvioso y frío, coloca el Papa Benedicto XVI antes de nuestra bendita madre, a los enfermos, a nosotros mismos ya aquellos que necesitan de la intervención de nuestro maternal el amor de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes. Durante esos momentos divinos en ese día frío y lluvioso, di gracias a Dios Padre Omnipotente por el don de este gran hombre en nuestra vida que trabajó y seguirá trabajando para la Gloria de Dios y de su Iglesia. Te amamos, te damos gracias y que Dios los bendiga! Fue el lunes 11 de febrero el día de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes. Era un día frío y lluvioso! Nuestra Señora de Lourdes ruega por nosotros! ¡Amén!



To date, only 37 families have made their commitment to the Cardinal's Appeal effort in our parish. It would be wonderful if we could both raise our *goal of \$55,500* and make a strong showing with the number of families who have committed to the Appeal. The Appeal needs all of us to play a role in order for it to be successful.

Please be as generous as possible. Thank you and God bless.

Lenten Fast and Abstinence-

Abstinence During the Season of Lent, the Church urges all the Faithful to reflect a spirit in penance in their daily life through performing acts of fast and abstinence.

"FASTING" requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity. Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige until age 59. Those not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.

"ABSTINENCE" prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout their entire life. Those not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in this discipline to the extent that they are able.

GOOD FRIDAY is a day of fast and abstinence.

FRIDAYS during Lent are days of abstinence.



Cuaresmal Ayuno y Abstinencia - durante la temporada de Cuaresma, la Iglesia insta a todos los fieles para reflejar un espíritu de penitencia en su vida cotidiana a través de realizar actos de ayuno y abstinencia.

"Ayuno" requiere que se limitas a una comida por día. Podrán adoptarse dos comidas pequeñas durante el día para mantener la fuerza física, pero estas dos comidas juntas no deberían ser una comida completa en cantidad. Ayuno obliga a todos aquellos que han alcanzado la edad de 18 años y hasta los 59 años. Los obligados no específicamente que se animan a participar en esta disciplina del ayuno la medida en que son capaces.

"Abstinencia" se prohíbe las personas comer carne en un día concreto. La abstinencia obliga a todos aquellos que han alcanzado la edad de 14 años y sigue obligando a lo largo de toda su vida. Aquellos específicamente que desean abstenerse de comer carne deben participar en esta disciplina de a la medida de que son capaces.

El Miércoles de CENIZA y Viernes Santo son días de ayuno y abstinencia. **El viernes** de Cuaresma son días de abstinencia.



**First Friday,
March 1st
There will be
Holy Mass at 7:30pm
Followed by
Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament
Until 10:00pm**



We thank you for your generosity.
Please remember the parish of
St. Lucy in your estate plan by
including a bequest in your will.
St. Lucy, pray for our benefactors
living and deceased. Amen.

WEDDING BANNS Third Time:
Rosaria Usini and Michael Ruttender
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**ST. LUCY'S PARISH SCHOOL
4TH ANNUAL DINNER
DANCE**
FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH, 2013
7:00PM~11:30PM

BECKWITH POINTE
DAVENPORT AVENUE, NEW ROCHELLE, NY
We will be honoring Carmela Mascia, Edith Ocasio, Magdalen Cruz, Ines Trucchi, Rifka Royal, Teodoro Mota and Monsignor Frederic Becker
Tickets are available.
Please contact Laura Gwin at (718) 882 - 2203 ext. 18 or Madeline Marinaccio at (718) 882 - 0710.

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DONATION \$25.00

**Drawing to Be Held Friday, April 19, 2013
at the Parish Dinner Dance
PRIZE IS BASED ON AMOUNT OF TICKETS SOLD**

ST. LUCY'S SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE/REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION for the 2013/2014 school year will be ongoing.

State mandated age is required for admission. (ONLY ORIGINAL CERTIFICATES WILL BE ACCEPTED). You need to bring the following: birth certificate, baptismal certificates, sacramental certificates, report cards, state test scores, proof of address, records of immunization, parents social security cards, plus a non-refundable application fee of \$50.00.

Additional information may be obtained by calling the School Bursar/Registrar, Mrs. Gwin, Monday to Friday between 10:00a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at (718) 882-2203 ext 18.

Iglesia Santa Lucia "La Gruta"
El Padre Nikolin Pergjini y el Grupo De Oración
"RIOS DE AGUA VIVA" Te invita a participar:

A NUESTRA ASAMBLEA MENSUAL-
Auspiciada por el Centro Católico Carismático.
Estaran con nosotros:
Ministerio de Musica: Duo Redes
y el Hermano : Nestor Bello.

Fecha: Domingo, Febrero 24, 2012

Hora: 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Lugar: 830 Mace Avenida, Bx., NY- Cafeteria

El Grupo de Oración: "Ríos De Agua Viva"- Te invita a compartir la palabra de Dios los viernes, de 7:30pm a 9:30pm en el centro: Y también llevar la palabra de Dios a su hogar para informacion llame a Terecita Carrion (718) 828-3529 o a Augustin Cardozo a 917-564-7049.

Fr. James Miara, Pastor of St. Anthony's Parish, will lead a 10-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land **April 8-17, 2013**. For more information, contact **Passages by Peter's Way** (800) 225-7662.

**Pilgrimage of NY 2013 -
Honoring Mary, Our Mother**

**March 23, 2013
9am start time and 6pm closing Mass**

Meet at St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Shrine, 701 Ft. Washington Avenue. Closing Mass is held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine n 7 State Street.

Lets walk together for God! We will be walking 13.5 miles from the top of Manhattan to the bottom of Manhattan, visiting various churches named after Our Lady.

Register today and learn more at www.pofnyc.org

Father Enrique Salvo, Vocations Director for the archdiocese will be guest speaker at the February 27th luncheon meeting of the Serra Club of The Bronx & Westchester. Father Salvo's topic will be "*My journey from the seminary to Vocations Director*".

The Serra Club is an international organization whose mission is to foster and promote vocations to the ordained priesthood and vowed religious life and through this ministry, fosters and affirms the members' common Catholic faith. Luncheon meetings are held at noon at the Eastwood Manor at 3371 Eastchester Road (corner of Eastchester and Boston Roads) in The Bronx.

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