

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

CONFESSION: Saturdays 3:00- 4:00pm & 6:30pm-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.

GROTTO - LOURDES OF AMERICA

Open every day, morning to evening, weather permitting

Pastor

Rev. Nikolin Pergjini

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Louis J. Anderson

Sunday Associates

Rev. Msgr. Frederick J. Becker

Director of Music

Dr. Peter Mutarelli

Parish Website:

WWW.STLUCYBRONX.PARISHESONLINE.COM

Parish E-mail: STLUCYBRONX@GMAIL.COM

RECTORY: 718-882-0710 **Fax:** 718-882-8876

833 Mace Avenue Bronx, NY 10467

Monday thru Saturday - 9:00am to 5:00pm

Sunday - 9:00am to 4:30pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: 718-882-0710 x19

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-4:30pm,

Closed for half hour lunch 12-12:30pm

SCALA SANTA

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

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 12, 2014

Mass Intentions For The Week



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Monday- January 13, 2014 - Weekday, (First Week in Ordinary Time) St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Sister Agnes Claire
9:00 a.m. Ginetta Lancia

Tuesday- January 14, 2014 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
9:00 a.m. Mary & Charles Handl

Wednesday- January 15, 2014 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. Hector Garcia
9:00 a.m. Joseph, Rose & Carmen Moglia

Thursday- January 16, 2014 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. Luigi Rroku
9:00 a.m. Vata & Gega Gjuraj
7:00 p.m. Maximo Santos

Friday- January 17, 2014 - St. Anthony, Abbot

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
9:00 a.m. Nue Zoja Gjeruej

Saturday- January 18, 2014 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. Eliza Lucente
9:00 a.m. Jose Ortiz
5:30 p.m. Mark Berisha
7:00 p.m. Kathleen Gunn

Sunday- January 19, 2014 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Antonio Binanti
9:00 a.m. Elvira Mauhis & Pedro Almonte
9:15 a.m. For all Parishioners of St. Lucy's Parish
10:30 a.m. Special Intentions
12:00 p.m. Enrique Mirabal Mario Ramos
1:15 p.m. Dario Cabrera

Pray for ...

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**PLEASE REMEMBER THE
FOLLOWING SICK WHO HAVE
ASKED FOR YOUR PRAYERS:**

Frank Pappas, Jr., Charles Aranda, Johanna Aranda, Donna B., Josie Badia, Emily Baramaya, Donna Bonhomme, Barbara Brennes, Linda Brucco, Eloisa Cabrera, Ana Edith Castillo, Rosetta DeMarco, Helena DeVonish, Angelica Feliciano Castillo, Rafaela Fernandez, Maximina Garcia, Evarista Germosen, Carmen Gomez, Ailsa Gonzalez, Eileen Grimley, Brendon Hermida, Ralph Hermida, Juan Hernandez, Landon Hermira, Angela Ingassia, Angelo Ingrani, Paul Keehan, Dr. Margory Langer, Frances Larson, Alpha G. Lesene, Anna Locicero, Josie Mc Kenzie, Rosa Martinez, Luis Medina, Linda Menchinella., Juan Morales, Ramona Navies, Priscilla Pacheco, Jorge Palacios, Elva Polaco, Pierina Porretta, Anna Raffa, Miguel Ramirez, Robert Roman Jr., Madison Rodriguez, Benito Saavedra, Candida Silverio, Maria Soto, Mary Tardo, Nathaniel Tyler Ruiz, Frank Urello, Donata Urello, Sonia Williams, Cianna Wingstel, Marilyn Brerres, Ana Cueva, Adalberto Bello, Betty Ann Torres, Joelia Paulino, Dennis Royal.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the LORD upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7).

Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29).

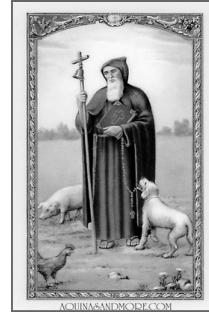
Second Reading — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38).

Gospel — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Matthew 3:13-17).

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THE LIVES OF SAINTS

SAINT ANTHONY (251-356)



This feast in honor of Anthony, who died in the desert of Egypt at the age of 105, has been celebrated on January 17 since the beginning of the fifth century in the Syriac, Coptic and Byzantine liturgies. In the West, however, his cult began only in the ninth century, and in Rome in the eleventh and twelfth centuries.

The life of Anthony was written by St. Athanasius shortly after the death of this saintly hermit. Not only did it make St. Anthony known, but it contributed to the conversion of many individuals, including St. Augustine and St. Martin. The widespread cult of St. Anthony is due in great measure to the fact that the "unbloody martyrdom" of his long life became a model and exemplar of the Christian's journey to God.

At the age of twenty, Anthony, an orphan, took to heart the words that were read in his church: "If you seek perfection, go, sell your possessions, and give to the poor. You will then have treasure in heaven" (Mt 19:21). Anthony immediately sold all his goods and contributed the money to the education of his young sister and other virgins. He then embraced the ascetical life and had to endure terrifying struggles with the Devil and violent temptations of the flesh. He later retired to live among the tombs in the cemetery, which was always considered the habitat of the Devil (Mk 5:2-5). There the diabolical assaults continued and the Devil often appeared to him in terrifying forms. But Anthony was also consoled by a vision of the Lord.

Anthony's next move was to the desert, to fight the devil in his own stronghold, and once again he emerged victorious. By this time his manner of life had attracted so many followers that he was considered the father of the monastic life. Meanwhile, Anthony had developed an intense desire for martyrdom, so he left his seclusion and went to Alexandria, where the Christians were being persecuted. He was spared, however, so he returned to an even more remote part of the desert.

His seclusion was interrupted again in 312, where he returned to Alexandria to combat the Arian heresy, after which he resumed his solitary life in the desert, where he died in 356.

-Saints of the Roman Calendar



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MARCH FOR LIFE

Wednesday, January 22nd

Our parish will attend the march in Washington, D.C. Please join us in the fight to protect and respect the dignity of human life, from conception to natural death. We as marchers will bring our prayers and the pro-life message to our nation's capitol. Morning Holy Mass at 6 a.m. in the Church before the bus departs at 6:45 a.m. We will return around 10 p.m. Bus fee: \$40 for adults and \$20 for students. Donations are also accepted to cover the student fee. To make reservations, please come to the rectory with the bus fee by January 16th. For more information, please contact the rectory at 718-882-0710.

The **March for Life in Washington D.C.** began as a grassroots response of pro-lifers nationwide to Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion throughout the 9 months of a woman's pregnancy. Each year, inspired by the Holy Spirit's gift of Reverence, Catholics and all people of good will come together to pray and publicly intercede on behalf of the unborn, their parents, families, our communities, our nation and its leaders - that this prayerful presence may open hearts, minds, souls to the fullness of the Gospel of Life in our lives and laws.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has declared that in all the dioceses of the United States of America, January 22nd shall be observed as a particular day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life.

The Mass "For Peace and Justice" (no. 22 of the "Masses for Various Needs") should be celebrated with violet vestments as an appropriate liturgical observance for this day. (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 373)

Today the priest has a choice between several different readings. He may preach on the Readings of the Day, or one of the sets of readings from the Mass for Peace and Justice.

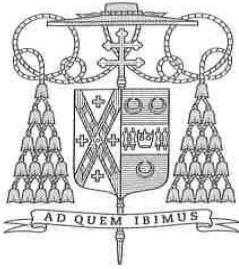
It has truly evolved into a Pilgrimage of intercessory prayer and public witness for all those victimized by the 1973 Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion; and for the conversion of those who misguidedly perpetuate it. Young and old from all walks of life and from every part of the country rally together and march down Constitution Ave., stopping at legislative offices along route and ending at the steps of the Supreme Court.

Over the years, several additional pro-life conferences, pro-life vigils, and Masses have come to surround the main event of the March itself in DC., spread throughout the days preceding the actual March, including special events for youth, young adults, and college students.

National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

January 22nd, 2014

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OFFICE OF THE CARDINAL
1011 FIRST AVENUE
NEW YORK, NY 10022

December 19, 2013

Deacon Carlos Mercado
2750 Wallace Avenue
Bronx, NY 10467

Dear Deacon Mercado,

Congratulations to you on the occasion of your recent retirement from active ministry in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Bronx, New York. I am aware that your retirement is predicated on your age of 82 and the need to care to personal family matters. In as much as the Church of Saint Lucy is within walking distance to your home, you may minister at the parish as your health permits and with the authorization of Fr. Nikolin Pergjini. May God send His blessings on you as you now enjoy the fruits of your labor and find new ways to continue to serve His People.

Deacons in the Archdiocese of New York have contributed so much to enhance the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The Church in New York is most grateful to you for the past 34 years of dedicated diaconal ministry to those most in need of the Lord's compassion and love.

Of course, while we can retire from an appointment, we never can from our vocation. So, we still count on the graces of your ministry through your example, your prayers – especially the Divine Office – and your solidarity with us in Holy Orders.

I ask Jesus, through Mary, to grant you greater health and peace in the years ahead.

With prayerful best wishes, I am,

Fraternally in Christ,

*A blessed
Christmas!*

+ Timothy Michael Dolan

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

cc: Fr. John Lo Sasso, OFM, Pastor, Immaculate Conception Church
Fr. Nikolin Pergjini, Pastor, St. Lucy's Church

We are happy to announce and extend a warm welcome to Deacon Carlos Mercado who will be joining our St. Lucy Parish family. Deacon Carlos has served in the diaconal ministry for 34 years and we are blessed to have him now continue his ministry here at our parish.

Welcome Deacon Carlos!



2014
Dinner Dance

SAVE THE DATE

ST. LUCY'S PARISH/SCHOOL
5th Annual Dinner Dance
Friday, May 9th, 2014

Come and celebrate our 5th annual
Parish/School Dinner Dance

Beckwith Pointe
700 Davenport Avenue
New Rochelle, New York

Cocktails - Dinner - Music and Dancing
50/50 Raffle

Cost: \$80.00 per person

We will be honoring Mimi Scariati, Elena Vitiello,
Dorina Mitarotonda, Walter Porcher, Maria Ramos,
Hugo Marte, Bridget King and Benchito Samson.

Requiescant in Pace

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

Jennifer Diaz-Davis + Esmelfi Merino Diaz + Victor Hyland

May they rest in Peace, Amen.



Tuesday, January 28th
9 a.m. to 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.
COME JOIN US FOR A
TOUR OF THE SCHOOL
Applications for 2014/2015
will be available

Further information is available by calling
718-882-2203 ext. 18
ST. LUCY'S SCHOOL
830 Mace Avenue
Bronx, New York 10467



To quote our Archbishop, Cardinal Dolan, the Archdiocese is not a grouping of independent entities acting in isolation. Pastoral planning at the local level must be done in cooperation with neighboring parishes as well as with the central administration of the Archdiocese. I urge you to pray for the success of our pastoral planning program: Making All Things New.

PRAYER

GOD OUR FATHER, THROUGH THE GOSPEL AND THE EUCHARIST, YOU BRING US TOGETHER AS YOUR CHURCH IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK. SEND US YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, TO ENLIGHTEN OUR MINDS AND GUIDE OUR ACTIONS AS WE PLAN FOR THE FUTURE OF PARISH LIFE IN THIS ARCHDIOCESE. HELP US LEARN NEW WAYS TO STRENGTHEN AND REVITALIZE OUR PARISH COMMUNITIES, TO BE GOOD STEWARDS OF THE SPIRITUAL AND MATERIAL GIFTS THAT SUSTAIN THEM. BLESS OUR WORK, SO THAT OUR PARISHES MAY CONTINUE TO WITNESS TO THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL, AND BE A SIGN OF YOUR LOVE FOR ALL PEOPLE. WE ASK THIS THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

† In Memoriam †

The Blue Candle burns this week in memory of

Asunta D'esantis

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The St. Joseph Candle burns this week for

March for Life

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The Bread & Wine for the Altar this week is in memory of

Marijan Prekpalaj

Requested by Fila Prekpalaj, children & family



We welcome
Daniel Staka
baptized on January 5, 2014
into the Roman Catholic Church
and our
Parish community of St. Lucy