



THE CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK BAY RIDGE, BROOKLYN



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Mrs. Marilee Fitzgerald.....Parish Secretary

Ms. Tara Petruzzellis.....Bookkeeper

Mr. Juan Rodriguez.....Director of Faith Formation

Mr. Ron Coles.....Director of Music

Mr. Angel (Manny) Sales..... Facility Manager

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

401 97th Street.....(T) 718-833-0124

Mr. Romeo Petric Board Chairman

Ms. Kathleen Curatolo.....Principal/Chief Academic Officer

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: Saturday 2:00 PM

PENANCE: Saturday 12:30 PM

WEDDINGS: Contact a priest 9 months in advance

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM and 5:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES

8:15 AM and 12 NOON

Federal Holidays: 12 Noon only

HOLY DAY MASSES

4:00 PM Vigil

8:15 AM, 12 NOON and 7:00 PM

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sundays, following the 12:30 PM Mass followed by Benediction at 4:30 pm

ROSARY

The Rosary is prayed in Church

Monday thru Saturday following the 8:15 and 12 Noon Masses

The Rosary in Spanish—Msgr. Parks Center

Fridays: 7:00 PM

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

1st Wednesday of the month at 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM

3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM

LEGION OF MARY

Each Friday at 10:15 AM in the Rectory Meeting Room

DIVINE MERCY CENACLES (Msgr. Parks Center)

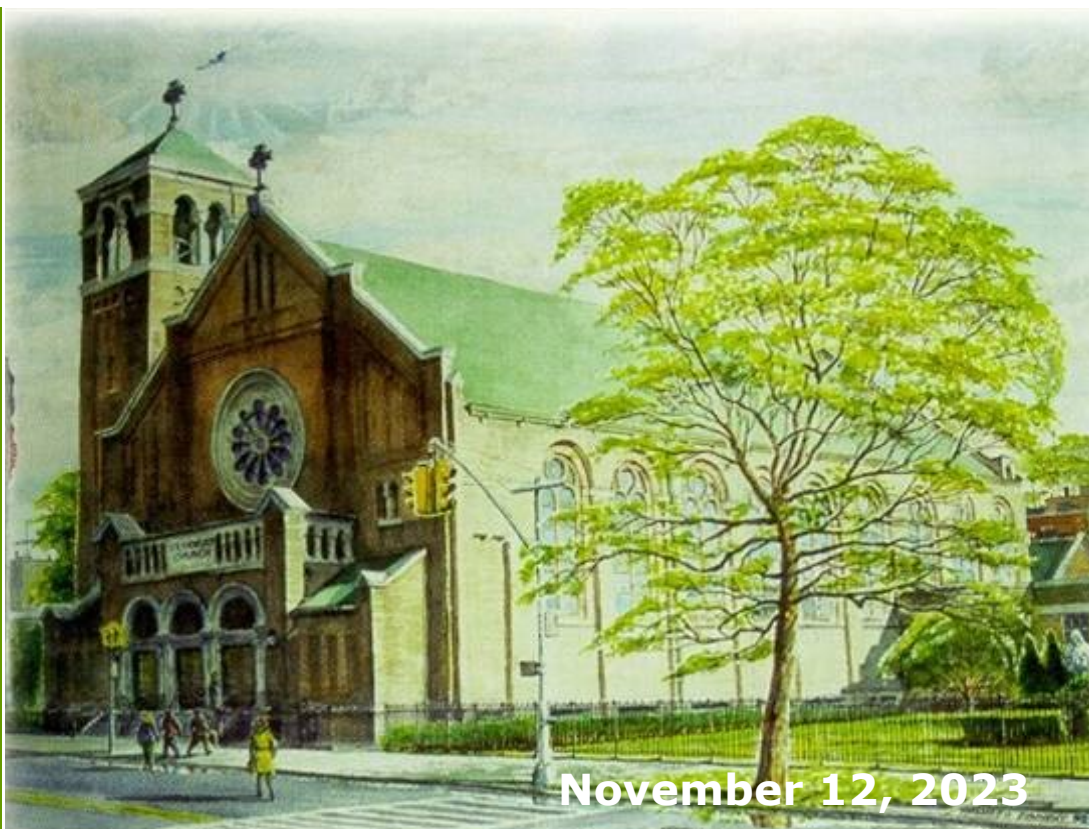
2nd and 4th Thursday at 1:00 PM (September to June)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (Msgr. Parks Center)

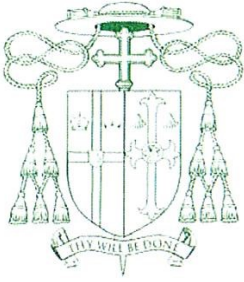
1st Tuesday of the Month at 7:00 PM

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We the spirit-filled community of St. Patrick Parish, with profound love and compassion, witness our deep faith in Jesus Christ by worshipping God, serving the needs of God's people and bringing the Good News of Jesus to all. We seek to become ever more the welcoming face of Christ in our community.



November 12, 2023



Office of the Bishop

Diocese of Brooklyn

310 Prospect Park West
Brooklyn, New York 11215

November 3, 2023

To the Clergy, Staffs and the Faithful parishioners of Brooklyn and Queens,

Recently, I met with our Vicar General, Regional Vicars, local Deans and priests during our annual Priest Convocation in Douglaston. During this gathering, we discussed important issues that we will need to address in the near future, like new models of parish life, possible collaborations among parishes regarding Religious Education and other ministries, as well as assessing the current Mass schedules at all our parishes.

Allow me to share with you some statistics that were shared with the priests:

- In 2017, Mass attendance in our Diocese was reported at an average of 205,502 people per weekend. In 2022, the average was reported at 124,031. Due to demographic changes as well as the overall national trend of fewer Catholics attending Sunday Mass regularly, we see a decrease of nearly 40 percent in Mass attendance in our diocese in the last 5 years. This decline in Mass attendance means that we have in many parishes throughout the diocese large capacity churches with a significantly reduced Mass size.
- Due to a high number of priest retirements and deaths in recent years, there are fewer priests serving in our 175 parishes.
- In our diocese Mass is celebrated in 14 different languages on a weekly basis and in 26 languages monthly. This unique pastoral challenge in combination with the reduced number of clergy with bi-lingual skills further complicates the ability to best serve our parishes with specific language needs.

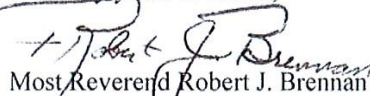
There is no simple solution to these issues. In many of our parishes it is evident that we do not need so many separate Masses to accommodate the number of parishioners in attendance at Sunday Eucharist each week. We are asking pastors and administrators throughout the diocese in Brooklyn and Queens, in consultation with their pastoral councils, to review and evaluate their Mass schedules. In many parishes, the number of Masses celebrated each weekend could be reduced by at least one or maybe more Masses, depending on the number of people attending and the capacity of each church.

Additionally, your pastor in coordination with your Regional Vicar and local Dean, are beginning discussions at the deanery level concerning possible collaborations among neighboring parishes regarding Religious Education programs and other ministries, that could possibly lead to formal parish partnerships.

I ask for your openness and cooperation with these possible changes. Not every parish will be affected, but most will go through some sort of adjustment, in order to be able to most effectively serve the current needs of the People of God in our great Diocese.

Be assured of my prayers for each of you, and may I humbly ask for your prayers, especially for our pastors and administrators, and all those who will be part of these discussions taking place throughout our parishes and deaneries.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan
Bishop of Brooklyn

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK 

**November 11th, Saturday, Vigil
Thirty-Second Ordinary Sunday**

5:00 pm Ella & Edmund Godfrey
Timothy Lynch and Mary Foley
Joan Flotteron
James Kelly
Kathy Pallay Horyczun
Cono Christiano (*Birthday Memorial*)
Gena Graff
John Fahy
Mai Gilleece

For the intentions of...The People of the Parish and
Providencia Castro Apolinaris Gilbride
Misha Velychko (*Spiritual*)
Dorian, Mark & Maryann Guzman & Family
Sharleen Welden
Miraculous Medal Intentions

November 12th, Thirty-First Ordinary Sunday

8:00 am Michael Lubrano (*70th Birthday Memorial*)
9:30 am Mary Nolan
11:00 am Jerome & Joan Kniejski
12:30 pm Aida De Del Pozo (*Birthday Memorial*)
5:00 pm Helene Abdinoor (*Third Anniversary*)

**November 13th, Monday,
St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin**

8:15 am Donato Partipilo
12 Noon Thomas Chambers

November 14th, Tuesday, Weekday

8:15 am Daniel Pokoluk
12 Noon Kathleen & Nicholas Casta

November 15th, Wednesday, Weekday

8:15 am Henry Ciolli
12 Noon Albert M. Attianese (*21st Anniversary*)

November 16th, Thursday, Weekday

8:15 am Frank P. Clark (*Birthday Memorial*)
12 Noon Michael F. Scally (*Third Anniversary*)

**November 17th, Friday,
St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious**

8:15 am Margie & Billy Thomas and Sophie Guillot
12 Noon Catherine Del Valle

November 18th, Saturday, Weekday

8:15 am Maureen Cann
12 Noon Darren Johnson

**November 18th, Saturday, Vigil
Thirty-Third Ordinary Sunday**

5:00 pm Loretta Farrell (*Anniversary*)
Dean Peter Pouncey
Tamara Piazza (*Birthday Memorial*)
Juana & Gilberto Rodriguez
Peter Calarco
Gena Graff
President John F. Kennedy
Thomas Aquinas & Joan D. Gilbride

For the intentions of...The People of the Parish and
Dorian, Mark & Maryann Guzman & Family

November 19th, Thirty-Third Ordinary Sunday

8:00 am Bernard & Nora Gallagher
9:30 am Modesvito Acero, Jr.
11:00 am Dennis Hoban
12:30 pm Joseph Montemarano
5:00 pm Elizabeth Todora (*Birthday Memorial*)



**We pray for those who are
sick, especially. . .**

WEEK ONE: Gregory Corrado, Jeffrey Corrado,
Isabel Tayar

WEEK TWO: Jean Mitchell, Jim Vaccario,
Margaret Buckley, Rafael Vallejo, Felipe Sarubbi,
Dennis Cristello

WEEK THREE: Doris Freyland, Elizabeth Fifield,
Sean Cosgriff, Anthony Carmine Strano,
Joseph Terri, Erin Waring, Steve Belanger,
Jimmy Gorayeb, Helen Gorayeb, Roger Santos,
Matthew James, James McCormick, Joseph Perri



**We pray for those who
have recently died . . .**

*Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed, through
the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

**Mass of 
Remembrance**

Today, at a special 2:30 pm Mass, we will
remember all those in our parish, who passed
away between November 1, 2022 and October 31,
2023. It is a time to celebrate the liturgy with our
parish community and together offer prayers for
all our deceased family members and friends.

Following the Mass we invite you to join us for
coffee and cake in the Archway Room; courtesy of
Jay Sessa and Anthony Cefalo of McLaughlin's
Funeral Home.



**Eternal rest grant unto them
O Lord
And may perpetual light
Shine upon them forever.**



November is the Month of Remembrance
for all our departed loved ones. This
commemoration begins with the Memorial of All
Souls on November 2nd.

We are offering **special Memorial Candles**
that will be placed in the Sanctuary and burn for a
period of seven days.

A label will be placed on the front of the candle
with the name of your loved one.

**The requested donation for these candles
is \$10.00 each.**

Candles may be purchased in the Church's
Gathering Space after Mass and in the rectory
during regular business hours. You may also mail
your request to the rectory with a check, payable
to St. Patrick Church.



St. Patrick's Memorial Funds

Memorial gifts may be made in honor/memory or thanksgiving of your loved one.

- Gifts of Bread & Wine: \$25.00
- Altar candles \$25.00
- Sanctuary Candle \$25.00
- Altar Flowers \$50.00

Arrangements can be made through the Rectory.



Christmas Flower Fund

Request form are available at the entrances of our Church and on our parish website, www.stpatrickbayridge.org, for your convenience in donating a Christmas tree or plant as a Gift or in Memory of a Loved One. These beautiful trees and plants will adorn our parish property for the great celebration of Christ's birth,

In Church Memorials

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| • Main Tree | \$300.00 |
| • Indoor Creche Trees | \$150.00 |
| • Sanctuary Wreaths | \$150.00 |
| • Choir Loft Wreath | \$150.00 |
| • Jumbo Plant | \$100.00 |
| • Large Plant | \$ 50.00 |
| • Small Plant | \$ 25.00 |

Outdoor Memorials

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| • Outdoor Trees | \$150.00 |
| • Outdoor Wreaths | \$100.00 |
| • Memorial Tree of Lights | \$ 10.00 |

Outdoor Creche Blessing and Tree Lighting will follow the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday evening, **December 9th**. Lights will remain lit throughout the Christmas Season.



Bread & Wine

This week the bread and wine are donated in loving memory of . . .

Albert M. Attianese

21st Anniversary

Gift of: Eve R. Devinsky



Sanctuary Lamp Candle

This week the Sanctuary Lamp Candle is donated in loving memory of . . .

James Kelly

Gift of: The Kelly Family



HOSPITALITY SUNDAY IS BACK!

A great way to connect with old friends and make some new ones!

Fall Hospitality Sunday

Next Sunday, November 19th
8:00 am until 12:30 pm

Join us for a hot beverage and delicious "Fall Themed" treats! We look forward to seeing you there!

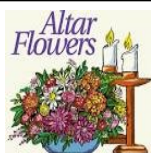


Altar Candles

This week the Altar Candles are donated in loving memory of . . .

Robert & Patricia Holland

Gift of: Peter & Clare Gannon



Altar Flowers

This week the Altar Flowers are donated in loving memory of . . .

Michael F. Scally

Gift of: His Loving Family



St. Patrick's Bereavement Support Groups

First Wednesday of each month
10:00 am and 1:00 pm
and

Third Wednesday of each month
5:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Call the rectory and leave your contact information.



Homebound and hospitalized parishioners of St. Patrick Parish are welcome to contact the Rectory to arrange Communion calls.

Please leave a message and phone number so we can call you to schedule a visit.

Christmas at the



Playhouse 2023

*A Comedy, Song and Dance Holiday Spectacular!
Something for everyone!*

Monday, December 4th

11:00 am Lunch/1:00 pm Show

Bus leaves: 9:00am

Join us at the 8:15 am Mass

\$150.00 pp

includes Lunch, Show, Roundtrip transportation and gratuities.

Call the rectory to reserve you spot!

Board & Brush Creative Studio

St. Patrick Catholic Academy
HAA presents...

Our Autumn Craft Night



Everyone will make this beautiful tray!

Friday, November 17th

7:00 pm

St. Patrick Catholic Academy Auditorium

\$65.00 per person - limited to 50 people

Adults only—Bring your own food and drinks

RSVP Venmo@SPCA-HAA with your name and craft night.



**THE HOLIDAYS WILL BE
HERE BEFORE YOU
KNOW IT!**

NEED EXTRA \$\$\$?

Try Our

50/50 Raffle

**Half to St. Patrick's/Half to Someone!
That Someone could be YOU!**

Tickets are \$5.00 ea

Buy More, Save \$\$\$:

3 for \$10.00/5 for \$15.00 or 10 for \$25.00

Drawing: Sunday, December 17th

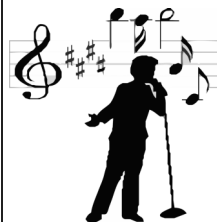
If you're not in it . . .You can't win it!

\$2,730 Collected to date.

Each ticket sold helps our parish and gives
YOU a chance to **WIN BIG!**

St. Patrick Catholic Academy 10th Annual Fundraiser

Featuring



The Rhapsody Players

Please join us for a great night
of the best music of the 60s, 70s
and 80s in an intimate
cabaret style setting!!

Saturday November 18, 2023

7:30pm

St Patrick Aldo Bruschi Auditorium

Parking is available in the rear schoolyard

Admission: \$25.00

includes coffee and dessert

Wine and beer to be sold and there will be a
50/50 raffle!!

For reservations:

Call: 646-335-2710

Email: broadwayjack@earthlink.net



**The Christmas Angels
will arrive in St. Patrick's
November 24th/25th**

**Delivering gifts of love and a
message of hope to those in need**

Please keep in mind that gift cards are a
great way to give. Gift cards offer parents the
satisfaction of being able to shop and provide for
their family and for a child, seeing that a gift
comes from a parent strengthens family bonds.

To ensure that the presents reach their
destination in time for Christmas, all gifts are due
back no later than December 2nd and 3rd.



The Parish of Most Precious Blood-
Sts. Simon and Jude is honored to host

The Relic of the Arm of St. Jude

Sts. Simon and Jude Church
185 Van Sicklen Street, Brooklyn, NY

Sunday November 26th

3:00 pm Mass

Followed by veneration of the relic until 9:00 pm
Celebrant: Most Rev. Robert J. Brennan



St. Patrick Catholic Academy

Our Pre-K and First Grade classes learned all about pumpkins. Pre-K learned about the parts and life cycle of a pumpkin. First Grade students used their five senses to make observations about their pumpkins.



For more information on St. Patrick Catholic Academy, visit us at www.stpatrickca.org or email us at admission@stpatrickca.org !

Our mission is to lead by example, as Christ did, when teaching, learning, and serving.