



THE CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK BAY RIDGE, BROOKLYN



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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: Saturday 2:00 PM

PENANCE: Saturday 12:30 PM

WEDDINGS: Contact a priest 9 months in advance

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 4:30 PM

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday—Friday 8:15 AM and 12 NOON

Saturday 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



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January 21, 2024 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

We start telling lies around the age of three, the experts tell us. It's understandable. Lying is a god-like power. Whatever I want, I need only say it, and the world rearranges itself accordingly. It's amazing at first. But soon reality snaps back and I'm faced with a dilemma. If I remain committed to my lie I start to fracture into pieces. My words and reality drift apart, and I find myself lost in a lonely world of further falsehoods and fear of being found out.

How marvelous, then, that Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming: "Repent!" We tend to think it means "stop doing bad things" but it doesn't. It literally means "go beyond the mind you have." Think in a new way. It's painful to admit, but some portion of my mind is addicted to lie-telling, usually to protect my ego or make life easier. To repent means to admit this tendency, to say, "I'm done lying," and to move beyond my split mind into a complete commitment to the truth. Perhaps that's why at Mass we together proclaim, "I have sinned in my thoughts, and in my words..." Repentance and truth-telling work together.

Those who know the twelve-step process of addiction recovery know this process well. The fourth step requires radical truth-telling: listing our moral defects. This isn't being scrupulous. Rather it is freedom from falsehood, and entrance into the real world. This week, I invite you to join me in this practice. Get your phone or piece of paper. Answer the question: what are your true moral defects? Write them down. Remember, the Lord knows them already and loves you. We have a sacrament where this truth-telling is celebrated: Confession. Perhaps it is finally time to go beyond our childish lies.

Father John Muir ©LPi



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

**January 20th, Saturday, Vigil,
Third Ordinary Sunday**

4:30 pm Michael F. Scally
Gena Graff
Elizabeth Mullen (*Anniversary*)
Christopher Nucci (*2nd Anniversary*)
Lauren LoPresti (*Birthdays Memorial*)
For the intentions of....
The People of the Parish
Mark Guzman and Family
Providencia Castro

January 21st, Third Ordinary Sunday

8:00 am Mikey Cintron (*Anniversary*)
9:30 am Michael John Keegan (*Anniversary*)
11:00 am Joseph Cahill
12:30 pm In thanksgiving to Our Lady of Altigracia
5:00 pm Stephanie Gruning (*5th Anniversary*)

**January 22nd, Monday, Day of Prayer for the
Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

8:15 am Joan Paradiso
12 Noon Christopher Bryson

January 23rd, Tuesday, Weekday

8:15 am William Kevin Wilcox (*Birthdays Memorial*)
12 Noon Al La Land

**January 24th, Wednesday, St. Francis de Sales,
Bishop, Religious Founder and Doctor**

8:15 am For the intentions of Mary Ann Guzman
and family
12 Noon Mary & Anthony Policastro

**January 25th, Thursday, The Conversion of
St. Paul, Apostle**

8:15 am Rose & John Guerassio
12 Noon John Wheatley

**January 26th, Friday,
St. Timothy and St. Titus, Bishops**

8:15 am Joan Nelson (*Birthdays Memorial*)
12 Noon Lillian & Andrew Danikow

January 27th, Saturday, Weekday

12 Noon Paul Soffing



**The following Masses are
available for your
intentions
February—June 2024**

February 2024

Sunday Masses:
4:30 pm (Vigil): February 3, 10, 17 & 24
Weekday Masses:
8:15 am: February 20th, 21st, 26th and
29th
12 Noon: February 27th and 29th

March 2024

Sunday Masses:
4:30 pm (Vigil): March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd
8:00 am: March 3rd
12:30 pm: March 24th
Weekday Masses:
8:15 am: March 4th, 5th, 13th and 14th
12 Noon: March 5th and 13th

April 2024

Sunday Masses:
4:30 pm (Vigil): April 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th
8:00 am: April 7th
9:30 am: April 21st and 28th
11:00 am: April 21st and 28th
12:30 pm: April 21st
5:00 pm: April 28th
Weekday Masses:
8:15 am: April 11th, 12th, 23rd, 24th, 29th
and 30th
12 Noon: April 12th, 17th, 19th, 20th,
22nd, 25th and 30th

May 2024

Sunday Masses:
4:30 pm (Vigil): May 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th
8:00 am: May 5th
9:30 am: May 19th & 26th
11:00 am: May 19th
12:30 pm: May 5th, 19th and 26th
5:00 pm: May 5th, 19th and 26th
Weekday Masses:
8:15 am: May 6th, 17th, 20th, 23rd, 24th,
28th, 29th, 30th and 31st
12 Noon: May 11th, 16th, 17th, 20th, 21st,
23rd, 25th, 27th, 28th, 29th and 31st

June 2024

Sunday Masses:
4:30 pm (Vigil): June 1st, 8th, 22nd & 29th
8:00 am: June 2nd and 9th
9:30 am: June 2nd, 9th and 30th
11:00 am: June 9th and 30th
5:00 pm: June 2nd, 9th and 30th
Weekday Masses:
8:15 am: June 5th, 6th, 11th, 13th, 14th,
24th and 27th
12 Noon: June 6th, 8th, 13th, 14th, 15th,
27th and 29th

**Mass Intentions are \$15.00
Arrangements can be made in the rectory.**



**The Second 1/2 of the
2024 Mass Book will open
Wednesday, January 24th
9:00 am
Rectory Meeting Room**

New Mass Schedule, Beginning July 1, 2024

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Evening Vigil: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8am, 10am, 12 Noon and 5pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday through Friday: 8:15am and 12 Noon
Saturday: 12 Noon



Saint Patrick's is celebrating our 175th anniversary!

Our 175th Anniversary Year provides us time to reflect on our spiritual journey, acknowledge the contributions of our parish family and rejoice in the unity and growth we have experienced over the years.

St. Patrick's is proud to be a pillar of the Catholic faith in Bay Ridge for 175 years and we want to celebrate this amazing achievement with our parishioners and community. Please check in regularly for important updates on liturgies, programming, and events.



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.



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

WEEK ONE: Patrick Anthony Smyth, Baby Savannah, Baby Charlotte, Elizabeth Fifield, Doris Freyland, Anthony C. Strano, Ted Mootos, Jane Metzger, Kathy Tyoka, Arthur Samuel, John Eulenid, Viola-Cleo Bradshaw, Cordelia Vogel, Alan Bruce Bradshaw

WEEK TWO: Agnes Elaine Grosso, Joan Venezia, Gregory Corrado, Jeffrey Corrado, Louise Arrias, Gary Checkalski, Mitchell Kuddar, Joseph Perri

WEEK THREE: Caroline Beisswanger, Lois Murray, Cathy Ryan, Jim Vaccario, James Gorayeb, Louise Cartwright, Rafael Vallejo, Helen Gorayeb, Matthew James, Felipe Sarubbi, Dennis Cristello, Roger Santos, Jim McCormack, Margaret Buckley



The Bread and Wine

This week the Bread and Wine are donated in loving memory of . . .

Janet Conroy

Gift of: Her Sister, Joan Meinert



We pray for those who have recently died . . .

**Lynda Griffin-Martin
Anna Marchese**

*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.*

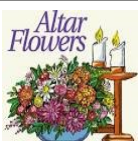


Sanctuary Lamp

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

Lauren LoPresti

Gift of: Jocine Geraci & Family



Altar Flowers

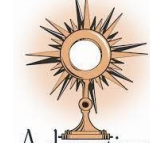
This week the Altar Flowers are donated in loving memory of . . .

Bernard & Nora Gallagher

Gift of: The Gallagher Family

Eucharistic

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



Adoration

Exposition will begin following the 12:30 pm Sunday Mass ending with Benediction and Reposition at 4:30 pm.

Exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is not only a very old devotion in our Church, but one that highlights the fundamental mystery of the Holy Eucharist that our Lord is truly present, body and blood, soul and divinity, in the Blessed Sacrament.

**Today is
Hospitality Sunday!**

8:30 am til Noon



Don't Run Off after Mass

**Join us for a piping, hot cup of coffee, tea or
HOT CHOCOLATE**

*(with whipped cream and marshmallows)
and a delicious donut.*

New to the Parish?

**Come to the Archway Room and get to know
your fellow parishioners!**

Visitors are also warmly welcomed!

**No cost, no fuss, just hot beverages, donuts
and good conversation.**

**Members of our Senior Crafters will be
selling some of their beautiful,
handmade crafts!**

We hope to see you there!

**Deeply Rooted...Firmly
Planted**

This important program had a minimum goal of \$1.3 million to help secure funds for critical parish needs. The campaign experienced tremendous success. Parishioners pledged more than \$1.45 million. Our parish families' outpouring of generosity and sacrifice is astounding and inspiring. On behalf of St. Patrick's, I would like to give my genuine and heartfelt thanks to all the families and individuals that helped make the *Deeply Rooted...Firmly Planted* campaign a success.

Please visit membership.faithdirect.net/enroll/NY291 to make online payments. A campaign such as this one does not simply end when all the pledges are collected. Now is the time when we start to see the wonderful effects of our effort.

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.

2023 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

To obtain a copy of your 2023 Contribution Statement, please contact the main office of the rectory.

By phone: 718-238-2600

Via email: parish@stpatrickbayridge.org

**St. Patrick Catholic Academy's Theater Club
Presents Our 2024 Production of...**

JOSEPH
And the
Amazing Technicolor
Dreamcoat

Thursday and Friday, February 1st and 2nd at 7:00 pm
Saturday and Sunday, February 3rd and 4th at 2:00 pm
\$15—All Ages—All Performances

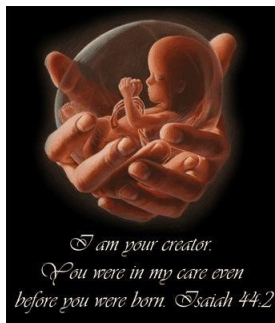
Lyrics by Tim Rice

Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber

For Tickets contact: DHTickets4@gmail.com

Payments to: [@SPCATheaterClub on Venmo](https://www.venmo.com/SPCATheaterClub)

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of the Really Useful Group Ltd. www.concordtheatricals.com



Tomorrow, January 22, 2024 National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Each child is sent into this world by God with a unique message to deliver, a new song to sing, a personal act of love to bestow. Abortion destroys God plan for that child to affect the world.

Prayer is the foundation of all that we do in defense of human life. Please join us in praying that our nation will become a nation that respects and protects all human life, born and unborn, reflecting a true culture of life.

"Only with prayer—prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and souls—will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a culture of life."

—U.S. Catholic Bishops,
Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities

Pray the short prayer **"Every Life is Worth Living"**, reflecting on the gift of human life.

Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life. Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain, and suffering. Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living. Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need, and teach us to be merciful to all. Through our words and actions, may others encounter the outstretched hands of Your mercy. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



St. Patrick's Parish School of Religion **Faith Formation**

Register Your Child for First Communion, Continual Faith Formation, Confirmation Classes for 2024-2025. Fees:

\$100 - 1 Child / \$130 - 2 Children / \$150 - 3 Children

Register Online by using the QR Code, use this quick form, or pick up a Registration Form at the Rectory Office. Please bring a copy of your child's Birth Certificate & Baptism Certificate



www.StPatsPSR.org



I Want To **Believe**

We're starting a new series of talks. We want our parishioners to vote on a topic for our new series. For Young Adults and Adults who want to learn more about their Catholic Faith. Choose the topic by marking the box or using the QR Code to vote online. Here are the list of topics:

- My Life in Christ
- Stain Glass Lessons
- Images & the Word
- The Book of Tobit
- The Gospel According to the Goonies
- Lent: Our Passion, Death, & Resurrection



St. Patrick's Parish School of Religion
Faith Formation
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The parish of St. Patrick and St. Patrick Catholic Academy comply with all Safe Environment mandates set forth by the Diocese of Brooklyn and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Anyone in the Diocese of Brooklyn who has direct contact with children is required to follow the Safe Environment Mandates:

- Attend a VIRTUS workshop: Protecting God's Children for Adults.
- Sign a Code of Conduct.
- Authorize a criminal background screening



St. Patrick Catholic Academy

401 97th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11209

718-833-0124 admission@stpatrickca.org

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



Benefits at St. Patrick Catholic Academy:

- Average class size is 28 in K-8; average at 20 in Nursery and Pre-K
- STEM and Library-Media Center.
- 1:1 Electronic Devices in Grades K-8.
- Regents Algebra I and Regents Living Environment.
- Nursery-8th: Music, Art, Gym, and Library.
- 5th - 8th: choice of a World Languages
- Daily outdoor recess
- Clubs: Theater, Petite Painters, Irish Step Dancing, and Teen Club.
- CYO sports: Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer, Baseball, Softball, and Swimming.
- Extended Day options available

For more information, visit us online at www.stpatrickca.org !

Open Houses!

- ➔ Sunday, January 28th from 12:30PM- 2:00PM
- ➔ Touring Tuesdays- 9:30AM by appointment