



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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February 25, 2024
Second Sunday of Lent
Everyday Stewardship

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

When Sacrifice Becomes Mundane

It seems to happen every year, like clockwork: we drag a bit, as we enter into the second week of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we feel a bit like soldiers banging our shields, rushing into battle. “We’re ready, God!” our hearts cry out. “Transform us through sacrifice! Your will be done!”

But by now, these Lenten resolutions are no longer novelties — they’ve joined the ranks of everyday inconveniences, which somehow are the hardest to bear. Because transformation, in real life, happens in inches, just as a battle is won slowly in the crash of one sword against another. It’s not always a dramatic thing, to the naked eye. It’s the perseverance in prayer despite weariness, or the continual denial of some pleasure even though there’s that nagging voice in our minds saying: go ahead, God doesn’t really mind.

It’s a week when we all need a shock to the system — and wouldn’t you know it, this Sunday God gives us a double-whammy of dramatic sacrificial scenes. We picture Abraham, who also cried “Ready!” when God called, never imagining what He would ask: the surrender of his long-awaited son. We see Christ himself transfigured, as God shows us what He is ready to give up for love of us.

We must remain committed, persevering daily in acknowledging that everything belongs to God. What we sacrifice, we simply give back to Him.

If God is for us, who can be against us? Can we still reply, “Ready!” when we hear the call of God?

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



If you have arranged to have a Sunday Mass offered and would like to bring the gifts up at the Offertory, please inform the ushers on your arrival so they know where you are seated and they will not pick someone else.

February 24th, Saturday, Vigil, Second Sunday of Lent

4:30 pm Gena Graff
Michael Twomey (Anniversary)
Belen Resurreccion Palas
John James McGovern (8th Anniversary)
Mimose Bastien
John Yanella
Maria Theresa Tarallo Thorson
For the intentions of....
The People of the Parish
Private Intentions
Maryann Guzman and Family
Michael & Providencia Gilbride and Families

February 25th, Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 am Bernard & Nora Gallagher
9:30 am Joe Langley (Birthday Memorial)
11:00 am Vincent A. Pergola
12:30 pm Carolina Di Bari (1st Anniversary)
Bianca Picicchi and John Pelligrino
5:00 pm Joseph Armone

February 26th, Monday, Lenten Weekday

8:15 am Ruthanne Giammatorio Lodato
12 Noon Josephine Kelly

February 27th, Tuesday, Lenten Weekday

8:15 am Marie C. Barbera
12 Noon Isabelle Tayar

February 28th, Wednesday, Lenten Weekday

8:15 am John Allegeier
12 Noon Anne Vargas

February 29th, Thursday, Lenten Weekday

8:15 am Isabelle Tayar
12 Noon Anna McBride

March 1st, First Friday, Lenten Weekday

8:15 am Antoinette & Michael Christiano
12 Noon Purgatorial Society

March 2nd, First Saturday, Lenten Weekday

12 Noon Patrick J. Gallagher (Anniversary)

Welcome to the Family of God

We extend a warm welcome to recently baptized sons and daughters in Christ:



**Catalina Cardo
Chloe Grey Carnella**



The Bread and Wine

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

Bernard & Nora Gallagher

Gift of: The Gallagher Family



The Sanctuary Lamp

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

Josephine Kelly

Gift of: JoAnn Kelly



The Altar Candles

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

Joseph Venezia

(Month's Mind)

Gift of: St. Patrick's Hospitality Team



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

WEEK ONE: Agnes Elaine Grosso, Gary Checkalski, Jeffrey Corrado, Mitchell Kuddar, Gregory Corrado, Karen Windram, James R. Mauro, Joseph Perri, Annie Olsen, Jean Mitchell, Louise Arias, Erin Waring

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

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

We pray for those who have recently died . . .

Stevan Adelhelm



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.



Saint Patrick's 175th anniversary!

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.

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.

Beginning in March this space will be used, bi-weekly, to delve into our parish's history.



Join us in
Celebrating
Two Great Saints
Our Patron, St. Patrick
and St. Joseph,
Patron of the Universal Church

Saturday, March 16th
Aldo Bruschi Auditorium
Following the 4:30 pm Vigil Mass
Doors Open—5:30 PM

Irish/Italian Buffet

Including: Corned Beef & Cabbage, Colcannon
Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Shepherd's Pie,
Penne Ala Vodka, Chicken Parmigiana,
Sausage & Peppers, Eggplant Rollatini
Irish Soda Bread, St. Joseph's Pastries,
coffee and tea

(Beer, Wine and Soda will be available for sale)

\$35.00 per person

Checks payable to St. Patrick Church

RVSP By March 8, 2024

Great Musical Entertainment by



Featuring songs of
the
60's, 70's and 80's

Plus Irish & Italian Favorites!

For Reservations (Required)

Complete the following information and bring it,
with \$35.00 per ticket, to the rectory or put it in
an envelope marked: ST PAT/ST JOE Celebra-
tion and drop it in the collection basket.

NAME: _____

PHONE # _____

EMAIL: _____

of TICKETS: _____



175th Anniversary Year Feast Day Mass

Sunday, March 17th

12:30 pm

Main Celebrant: Bishop Sanchez



Our 175th Anniversary Year

*In honor of our Patron Saint, Patrick, all
tickets purchased in March will be buy
one/get one FREE!*

SPRING INTO SUMMER 50/50 RAFFLE

**Enter by March 31st to double your
chances of winning!**

*Ticket flyers are available at all entrances to the
Church, in the rectory and on our website.*

MARCH (only) TICKET PRICES!

**2 FOR \$5/6 for \$10/10 for \$15/and \$25 will
buy you two full pages!**



**Do you have a favorite recipe for Irish
soda bread?**

**The Knights of Columbus
Christopher Council 4257
Is sponsoring the**

2024 Irish Soda Bread Bake-off

Sunday, March 10th

8am to 12pm

Rectory Meeting Room

Pick up an entry form

*available at all entrances to the Church and in the
rectory*

**To enter to win bragging rights for a full year
and an Amazon Gift Card**

*In addition to Bragging Rights, the top three winners
receive Amazon Gift Cards.*

**Breads will be judged by Parishioners
attending Hospitality Sunday, March 10th!**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Fasting: A Way to Turn to God

By; Kristopher W. Seaman

In the last five years, five weddings have occurred within my family: brothers, nieces, and a nephew have married. Each family was deeply grateful for the wedding, but remarked that the detailed preparations were demanding. Their preparations had to do with the ritual (the wedding ceremony) but also with processes that aimed to help the couple sustain a spiritual, holy, and deeply loving relationship. You might wonder how preparing for a wedding relates to fasting.

When fasting is viewed as a preparation, it is seen in a more spiritual manner than simply “giving something up.” Some persons may view fasting as giving something up, and in a negative way, view the process as a trial. However, throughout the Church’s history, fasting has been a part of the preparation for both initiation (the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) as well as for repentance. Even today in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the elect (those persons who are seeking Christian initiation) join with the Christian community—or rather, we join them—in fasting during the liturgical season of Lent in preparation for their initiation at the Paschal Vigil on Holy Saturday night. Fasting in this regard has two characteristics: preparation and penitence.

During Lent the elect and those already baptized as Christian mark the period with fasting. This period prepares the elect for life as a Christian, and those already Christian are reminded that they, too, are always on the journey of conversion, that is, of turning away from all that is not of God, what we call sin, and turning toward God’s call and presence, which heals us of sin and brings us into a deeper life of holiness. In an ancient liturgical rite, this was ritually marked by the elect turning toward the west, the direction of sin, evil, the Devil, and spitting while renouncing these very things. Then, turning to the east, the rising sun, that is the Son, Christ Jesus, they would affirm their faith in God the Father, Christ Jesus, who rose to take away sin, and the Spirit, who cleanses us of sins and brings us into deeper union with the Father through Christ Jesus.

Lent, then, is when the parish community, and those seeking to become disciples within the Church, begin a period of purifying themselves so that God might liberate them for a deeper union with God. At the same time, all of us are called to deepen our life of holiness, both within the Church and during our daily lives, to follow God’s invitation to be holy in the world.

When fasting is viewed in a fuller context of preparation, it is not simply giving something up, but rather, the turning away from all that fractures our relationships with God, the Church, our families, and all humankind. Through the spiritual practice of fasting, then, we express our desire not to be held under the power of things and turn our attention toward growing in God’s call to holiness. During this Lent, we can ask ourselves how our fasting connects to preparing ourselves for deeper holiness and as a way of repentance, of turning from sin toward God’s gracious and merciful presence.

Fasting, then, is part of our process for deepening our discipleship.

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All Are Invited to a ...

MORNING OF PRAYER

Sponsored by St. Patrick’s Men’s Club

SATURDAY, MARCH 2nd

9:00 am—12 Noon

Day concludes with the Noon Mass

The day starts with a light breakfast at 9:00 am. Following breakfast, **Seminarian Paulo** will lead us with a talk and discussion. The day will conclude with Mass at Noon.

If you’re interested in attending, please leave your name at the Rectory (718-238-2600).

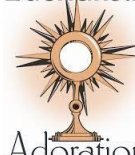


ALMSGIVING

During Lent we are called up to do a number of actions, among them Almsgiving. Helping the **St. Vincent de Paul, Parish Food Pantry** is a way of fulfilling this. Each week during Lent we will be asking you to bring a can or package of food to Mass on Sunday. We will be asking for different items each week.

Week 3 – March 3rd – Canned Fruit

Eucharistic



Adoration

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sundays during Lent

following the 12:30 pm Mass
concluding with Benediction at 4:30 pm



Stations of the Cross Fridays during Lent

12:30 pm (following Noon Mass)
7:00 pm (English)
7:30 pm (Spanish)
Good Friday, March 29th
7:00 pm



PENANCE

Every Saturday at 12:30 pm we are given the opportunity to receive reconciliation for our sins.

On **Reconciliation Monday, March 25th** the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered at all churches of the Diocese and Archdiocese.

2024 Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage February 14th to March 27th



Take a pilgrimage to parishes throughout the Diocese of Brooklyn this Lenten season. The pilgrimage invites people to visit a different parish each day, except Sundays, during Lent. This year, thirty-nine parishes are designated for specific days on the itinerary.

Plan your pilgrimage TODAY! For details and a list of designated station Churches...
Visit: dioceseofbrooklyn.org/lent



St. Patrick's is one of the designated station parishes
Our date is Wednesday, March 13th.

8:15 am	Mass
9:00 am	Rosary
10:00 am	Stations of the Cross
12 Noon	Mass
12:30 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
3:00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet
5:00 pm	Benediction

Believe

Rising from the Ashes



A four Week Bible Study on Ash Wednesday

Mondays, February 5 and 26; March 4 and 11
Afternoon Session at 1:00 pm (w/Potluck Lunch)
Evening Session at 6:30 pm (w/Potluck Dinner)
St. Patrick Rectory—PSR Office
Use Rectory Rear Door (closest to the school)

Please bring...

- Your Bible, Catechism, and Notebook.
- Something to share for our Potluck Lunch or Dinner.

RSVP to Juan Rodriguez
Phone: 718-238-2600 x 32177
Email: saintpatrickpsr@gmail.com



Purgatorial Society, Newly Enrolled

Stevan Adelhelm
Margaret L. Lally
Barbara Robeldo
Joseph Venezia

The Purgatorial Mass is offered on the First Friday of each month at 12 noon. Enrollment in the Purgatorial Society is for the period of one year.



St. Egeria the Pilgrim Mass

Mass is the most frequently used word to describe the Sunday celebration. Developing much later than liturgy, Eucharist, and Communion, it is rooted in the Latin missa (meaning "sent," which is also where we get our word missionary). When the liturgy's celebrated in Latin, the deacon dismisses the faithful at its conclusion: "Ite, missa est"—"Go, be sent."

The term Mass, then, orients us not only to the altar but also to the entire world around us. Unlike the Las Vegas ads, what happens at Mass doesn't stay at Mass! Or at least it shouldn't. The Gospel mandate bears an innate generosity; the people of God must share it. Like our first Christian ancestors, we too share the Good News of Jesus, by action and word, with all encountered.

Many terms name the Sunday Celebration. Here we explored the four richest. Fulfilling the Lord's command to "Do this in memory of me," the faithful, united with Christ their Head, undertake their proper work (liturgy) filled with a profound spirit of thanksgiving (Eucharist), so that united in Word and Sacrament (Communion) they may be sent (Mass) into the world, bringing Jesus and his message to where they live, work, learn, and play.

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Altered by the Holy Spirit Lenten Prayer 2024

St. Anselm Church
March 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th
7:00 pm

March 6, "The Law and the Prophets"
March 13, "The Hour and the Lord's Voice"
March 20, "Enduring Faith and Resilience in Christ"
March 27th, "Resisting Betrayal"

Come, and Bring a Friend!



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Youth Prayer & Praise Service with Benediction

Thursday, March 14th
7:00 to 8:00 pm
St. Ephrem Church
(2024 Diocesan Pilgrimage designated Parish)

All are welcome!



St. Patrick Catholic Academy



Lent is the liturgical season when we bring ourselves closer to God. Our students began the season on Ash Wednesday by celebrating Mass as a school and receiving ashes. Throughout the season, you will see our students performing acts of service for others and striving to better themselves in different ways. We began by collecting over 550 canned items for our food pantry during our “Be a Fan, Bring a Can” drive! We joyfully await the Easter season ahead of us.

Ms. Fitzgerald and her kindergarteners are “paw”-sitively adorable! They recently celebrated the 101st Day of School by dressing up as the 101 Dalmatians, complete with Cruella Deville. The puppies completed math activities to broaden their numerical knowledge and took a walk to the firehouse. Do not worry, no puppies were harmed in the making of this event! Only fun was had.



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.