



THE CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK BAY RIDGE, BROOKLYN



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

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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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March 3, 2024

Third Sunday of Lent

Everyday Stewardship

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Parents Just Don't Understand

Anybody remember the old rap song by the Fresh Prince, aka Will Smith, "Parents Just Don't Understand?" As we grow up, it is sometimes a struggle for us to imagine that our parents understand us. It can seem impossible that Mom and Dad remember the stress of exam week or peer pressure. We never saw them as children; we never saw their disappointed faces when they weren't invited to a party, or their dashed hopes at a bad test grade. We never saw them homesick their first week of college or nervous to ask their crush to Homecoming.

We're often the same way about God. We gripe about what He asks of us. "He doesn't understand sin — he's all-good," we think. "He doesn't understand temptation — He is perfect."

In Scripture, God can be very much a father, telling us what we can and cannot do. And yet, in His divine genius, He is sometimes simply a man at a well, asking for a drink. For me, it turns out I didn't need to tell my parents anything about what I was going through as a kid — they knew already. What I needed was for them to tell me what to do, and how to do it.

Similarly, we don't need to tell God about human nature. We need God to tell us about His nature. He's good enough to ask us for a drink, to enter into our humanity. But we have to remember, for our own sakes, to have the humility to ask Him for something, too — the water that will quench our eternal thirst.

--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.

March 2nd, Saturday, Vigil, Third Sunday of Lent

4:30 pm Gena Graff
 Ruth Anne Gilbride
 Joseph Venezia (*Month's Mind*)
 Gerry Henderson (*Month's Mind*)
 Carolyn Pereira
 John & Jennie Iacometta
For the intentions of....
 The People of the Parish
 Private Intentions
 Maryann Guzman and Family

March 3rd, Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 am Patricia Brennan
 9:30 am William Kevin Wilcox
 11:00 am Kyle Michael Kavanaugh
 12:30 pm Edna Lamboy
 5:00 pm Maureen O'Brien

March 4th, Monday, Lenten Weekday

8:15 am Stuart Mark
 12 Noon Nicholas Pirozzi

March 5th, Tuesday, Lenten Weekday

8:15 am Emily Jordan
 12 Noon Rosemarie Haas (*Birthday Memorial*)

March 6th, Wednesday, Lenten Weekday

8:15 am The DeLorenzo Family
 12 Noon Lawrence & Maureen Freehill

March 7th, Thursday, Lenten Weekday

8:15 am Henry Kahrs
 12 Noon Ruth Anne Gilbride

March 8th, Friday, Lenten Weekday

8:15 am Najla & Fred Owen
 12 Noon JoAnn Brown

March 9th, Saturday, Lenten Weekday

12 Noon Stephen Baumbusch

Sacred Silence

Observing silence in the body of the church before Mass allows all in attendance to dispose themselves to carry out the sacred action in a devout and fitting manner. **Maintaining silence** within the body of the church after Mass allows an atmosphere of prayer that is conducive and appropriate to private prayer after Mass.



The Bread and Wine

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

Patrick J. Gallagher

(Anniversary)

Gift of: **Eve R. Devinsky**



The Sanctuary Lamp

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

John J. Calleja

(8th Anniversary)

Gift of: **The Calleja Family**



The Altar Candles

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

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

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

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



We pray for those who have recently died . . .

Dennis Cristello, Rose Natale

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.

This space will be used, bi-weekly, to delve into our parish's history.

1849-1854

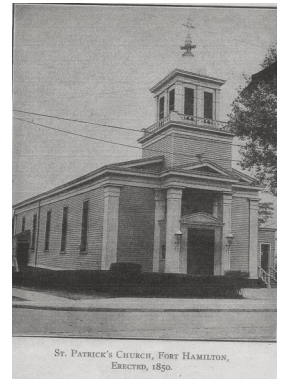


In 1849 Father McLoughlin was appointed first Pastor of the St. Patrick Mission by Archbishop Hughes. He resided in the Fort Hamilton area and celebrated Mass at Gowanus. He also founded the parish of St. John the Evangelist at Twenty First Street near Fifth Avenue.

The first Masses were celebrated in 1843 at Cummins' barn on Ninety Ninth Street and Shore Road and later at the brick house of Peter Murphy on Fort Hamilton Avenue near Ninety Fifth Street. By that time Saint Patrick's had been declared a mission of the Archdiocese of New York and plans were being completed for a future parish church building.

St. Patrick was the Parish of Catholic soldiers assigned to Fort Hamilton. The

Catholics in the area were mostly poor but they contributed toward the building of a church. The Catholic soldiers of the Fort, especially the Irish among them, voluntarily contributed one dollar a week toward their new church. Those monies were set aside for the construction of a church building. By 1850 the first Saint Patrick's Church had been erected and dedicated by Archbishop Hughes on December 12, 1852.



175th Anniversary Year Feast Day Mass

Sunday, March 17th
12:30 pm
Main Celebrant: Bishop Sanchez



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!



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!**

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.

Why Are Feet Washed on Holy Thursday?

Kristopher W. Seaman

During a very blustery winter, my family and I were carefully trying not to slip on the ice as we made our way through a crowded parking lot to the church. Upon entering the worship space, the pastoral associate and pastor asked me to fill in for a person who was frightened to leave the house during the snow storm. I responded with enthusiasm, "I would love to help out! What do you need?" The priest said, "Someone to have their feet washed." Later on, I remember myself being the one inviting people to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday. One person I asked, because of her profound sense of service on behalf of the parish, responded by saying, "Oh! I don't know. I would gladly wash people's feet, because I know how to serve others. I am not very good at people doing things for me." Both stories embody a sense of service, helping out others by invitation.

The biblical basis for the washing of the feet occurs in the Last Supper narrative, and is only found in the Gospel according to John. At the moment when we expect Jesus to take bread and wine and transform them, as he does in the Gospel accounts of Mark, Matthew, and Luke, Jesus in John's Gospel account gets up and begins to wash feet. Peter first refuses to allow Jesus to wash his feet; it should be, as Peter reasoned it, Peter washing Jesus's feet. Jesus rebukes Peter: "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you" (John 13:12-15).

Jesus serves his disciples, and then instructs them to imitate his practice of washing feet. There is a sense of humility. A disciple is to serve others. Because of the context of the washing of the feet in John's Gospel, there is also a sense of transformation. As disciples, our model, par excellence, is Jesus Christ. His practices in scripture provide a model for our practices as disciples. Jesus knew he was going to be crucified, and gave this practice as a sign for disciples to serve one another. Pope Francis has been receiving a lot of press since his election, and part of this is his profound sense of humble service to all people. He models service in his daily actions.

During his Homily on Holy Thursday evening, Pope Francis remarked that this rite is "a caress of Jesus." Feet stink, feet were callused and blistered from long walks. In Jesus's day proper hospitality required the servants to wash the guests' feet. Jesus, as the host, turns this practice upside down. He bends low and washes the feet of the lowly. He caresses, an act of love. True service wells up from a profound love and faith that seeks to help others daily. The rite of washing feet is called the mandatum, Latin for "commandment." Jesus summed up the law by saying there are two fundamental commandments: Love God and love one's neighbor. Loving the neighbor is acting humbly and in service. Jesus, in John's Gospel account, offers a meaning of Eucharist: The encounter with Christ Jesus has implications in one's life. What Jesus did and does for us, we are to do for one another. As Pope Francis remarked: "because this is the real reason why Jesus came: to serve, to help us."

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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



Next week our parish will take up the **Catholic Relief Services Collection**. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give

generously to the collect and reveal Christ's love to those most in need.

Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

The St. Vincent de Paul Pantry Lenten Food Drive. Week 4 – March 10th – Canned Corn.

Eucharistic



Adoration

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sundays during Lent

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

St. Patrick's 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



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
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 Celebration
 and drop it in the collection basket.

NAME: _____

PHONE # _____

EMAIL: _____

of TICKETS: _____

TITHING REPORT

Tithing

February 4th \$ 7,655

February 11th \$ 6,686

February 18th \$ 5,451

February 25th \$ 6,961

Faith Direct (Month of February) \$ 9,679

Fuel \$ 3,122

Snow Removal \$ 2,494

Ash Wednesday \$ 5,194

Black & Indian Home Missions \$ 3,093

Maintenance & Repair \$ 3,028

Total Gifts: \$53,363

Next tithing report: April



St. Egeria the Pilgrim

The Two Parts of the Mass

The Liturgy of the Word (which is preceded by the Introductory Rites) and the Liturgy of the Eucharist (which is followed by the Concluding Rites) are the two major parts of Holy Mass. The shape of the Mass is rooted in the actions of Jesus surrounded by the twelve apostles on the night before he died. The four Gospels, St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, as well as the established Jewish Passover ritual of the time all shed light on the Church's unbroken mandate to "Do this in memory of me."

John's Gospel mentions nothing of the bread and wine at the Last Supper but focuses on ministry through the washing of the feet and on unity, highlighted in Jesus' extensive discourses that follow. Presumably this all preceded the ritual meal recounted by Paul and the Synoptic (from same source or "eye") Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

While certain facets of the celebration of Mass have evolved over twenty centuries, Catholics continue to follow his mandate and commemorate his death and Resurrection. In the months ahead, this space will explore the rituals involved with both parts of the sacred mysteries we celebrate.

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Father Charles and Laurie Mangano
a brother & sister

Present a

Night of Recollection

An evening of song, inspiration and reflection



Friday, April 5th
7:30 PM

Topic: God's Mercy Sooner

would heaven and earth change into nothingness than would My Mercy not embrace a trusting soul. — diary of St. Faustina

Are you longing to be set free, to be assured of the Lord's Infinite Love and Mercy for you...no matter how far you have strayed? Then this night is for YOU!



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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!

SAINT PATRICK CATHOLIC
ACADEMY PRESENTS

RADIO BINGO

With DJs @ Work

Friday, March 8th at 7 PM

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30

\$50 PER PERSON/ \$450 PER TABLE

DUE BY March 5th

21 AND OLDER

BYOB & FOOD - ICE PROVIDED

401 97th STREET

BROOKLYN, NY

TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED USING THE ORDER
FORM BELOW VIA CASH OR CHECK

50/50 raffle and small prizes!

Questions call the office 718-833-0124

NAME: _____

TICKETS (\$50 EACH) _____ PLEASE SEAT ME
WITH: _____

TABLES (\$450 EACH) _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____