



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 24, 2024

Palm Sunday of Our Lord's Passion

Walk Every Step with Christ

Holy Week is a week for being mindful. We must set loose the baggage of Lent, and not be deterred by the dazzling sunrise of Easter morning beckoning in the distance.

It's okay for us to be excited for Easter. We've waited so long, after all. In my opinion it's one of the best feelings there is: the yearning we have in our hearts for the Resurrection as we embark on Palm Sunday. And in a purely logical sense, many of us have Easter celebrations for which we are preparing, and practical considerations to contend with. It's going to be a busy week, one likely full of happy distractions.

But my friends, we simply must keep our feet on the ground. Let's not "skip" Holy Week. Resist the urge to flip to the last page of the book, to fast-forward to the final scene of the movie. Don't rob yourself of the journey. This week is a blessed opportunity. It is this week that teaches us who we are. In the span of the Triduum, we have the birthday of the priesthood, the institution of the Eucharist, the sacrifice on Calvary and so many other vivid and meaningful scenes.

It may sound strange, to advise someone to savor the moments of Holy Week. There are so many violent and heartrending moments, after all. But this is the valley of tears, remember — we are not in Heaven yet. And here, in our fallen, sin-filled world, it is the heartrending moments that seem to matter the most.

These are the moments that define us as Catholics. Live them. Cherish them. Be present for each one.

This week, Christ gives us a very parental gift: He shows us his fear, and he shows us how to conquer it. He challenges us to embrace the purpose for which we came to this hour — whatever that hour may hold.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



March 23d Saturday, Vigil, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

4:30 pm Gena Graff
John Yanello
Jaime Cevallos (4th Anniversary)
John Luczun
James Beers
Jim Vaccacio (Month's Mind)
Edward Doherty (Birthday Memorial)
For the intentions of....
The People of the Parish
Miraculous Medal Intentions

March 24th, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 am Bernard & Nora Gallagher
9:30 am Clare Gillen (6th Anniversary)
11:00 am Clare Gillen (6th Anniversary)
12:30 pm Shirley Mangia
5:00 pm Peter Leonard Amato, Jr.

March 25th, Monday of Holy Week

8:15 am Marie C. & Vincent J. Barbera
12 Noon Jason Boscia

March 26th, Tuesday of Holy Week

8:15 am Elvira Falce (Anniversary)
12 Noon Angelica Mottola (1st Birthday in Heaven)

March 27th, Wednesday of Holy Week

8:15 am Vincent A. DiMuria (53rd Anniversary)
12 Noon Ellen Tighe and Lillian Collins

March 28th, Holy Thursday

9:00 am Morning Prayer
7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

March 29th, Good Friday

9:00 am Morning Prayer
3:00 pm Service of the Lord's Passion
7:30 pm Stations of the Cross

March 30th, Holy Saturday

9:00 am Morning Prayer



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.



LUCK OF THE IRISH

SPRING INTO SUMMER 50/50 RAFFLE

**2 FOR 1 SALE
IN HONOR OF OUR PATRON,
SAINT PATRICK**

**OVER \$3,600 COLLECTED AS OF
MARCH 18TH!**

**LAST CHANCE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF
OUR 2 FOR 1 SALE**

To take advantage of the 2 for 1 sale; tickets *MUST* be dropped off or mailed to the rectory or placed in the collection basket by **MARCH 31ST.**

**We will not have in person sales on
Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday.**

**MARCH (only) TICKET PRICES!
2 FOR \$5/6 for \$10/10 for \$15/and \$25
will buy you two full pages—**

**Go n-eirí an t-ádh leat
'That luck may rise with you!'**

Father Charles and Laurie Mangano
a brother & sister

Present a

Night of Recollection

An evening of song, inspiration and refectio

Friday, April 5th
7:30 PM

St. Patrick Catholic Academy Auditorium
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!**



**GET YOUR GREEN ON,
GATHER YOUR FAMILY
AND FRIENDS AND JOIN
US FOR**

**THE 29TH ANNUAL
BAY RIDGE ST. PATRICK'S PARADE
Sunday, March 24th
Step-off 1:00 pm**

**The parade will step off from the
corner of Marine and Third Avenues
and run along 3rd Ave. to 67th St.**

St. Patrick Parish will line up on the corner of
Marine and 3rd Aves



Holy Week

Today begins Holy Week. This week, we leave our clutter behind. We concentrate our thoughts on the love God has shown us through Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. These are important days. Plan to spend this week, as much as possible, in prayer.

Reconciliation Monday



The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered at all churches of the Diocese and Archdiocese.

St. Patrick's Reconciliation Monday Schedule

9:30 am to 10:30 am
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

We Catholics are fortunate to have the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is the ordinary way for us to have our sins forgiven. This sacrament is a powerful help to get rid of our weaknesses, grow in holiness and lead a balanced virtuous life.

HOLY THURSDAY



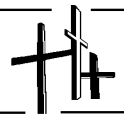
"Jesus, during these next few days, help me to rest quietly in Your presence and let You wash my feet. I don't want to let my busyness get the better of me. Instead, I want to go deeper with You. You are my life. Help me to surrender the pride that won't let You minister to me. Come, Lord, and have Your way in me."

9:00 am—Morning Prayer
7:30 pm—Mass of the Lord's Supper

Each year at the conclusion of the Holy Thursday Liturgy of the Last Supper, there is a solemn procession to the Altar of Repose on which the Blessed Sacrament is placed. This is the Eve of Good Friday, the time when Jesus experienced the Agony in the Garden. Jesus asks "Can you not watch one hour with me?"

You may plan to make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00 pm.

GOOD FRIDAY



"May I be entirely converted to You; may my heart be Your perpetual resting place, may my conversation be pleasing to You; and may the end of my life be so praiseworthy that I may merit Heaven and there with Your saints praise You forever."

9:00 am—Morning Prayer
3:00 pm—Solemn Service of the Passion with Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion
7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY



"Lord, let me trust in Your love and mercy; even in the darkness, let me know Your light."

9:00 am—Morning Prayer
Blessing of Easter Food follows Morning Prayer

Holy Saturday 7:30 pm



The Easter Vigil Mass is the most important Mass in the Catholic Church. Catholics throughout the entire world will celebrate this most holiest of nights, in union with Jesus Christ and with all of their brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the world.

During the Easter Vigil **Joshua Cosme, Carmen Saffioti and Arianna Santucci** will complete their Sacraments of Initiation in the Catholic Church. Join us in praying for them, and with them, as they consecrate their lives to Jesus Christ.



Easter Sunday Masses
8:00 am, 9:30 am
11:00 am and 12:30 pm.

Please note there will not be a 5:00 pm Mass on Easter Sunday.

On Easter Sunday, there will be a special *Second Collection* for the **St. John Vianney Fund**, which is for the support of senior priests. Please prayerfully consider what your gift will be.

St. Patrick's Memorial Funds

The next time you wish to memorialize, honor or give thanks for a special friend or loved one, please remember St. Patrick's Memorial Fund. Gifts of Bread & Wine \$25; Altar candles \$25; candle used in the Sanctuary Lamp \$25 or Altar Flowers \$50 may be made in honor/memory or thanksgiving of your loved one. Arrangements can be made through the Rectory.



The Bread and Wine

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

Marie & Salvatore Danese

Gift of: Elizabeth Anne Danese



The Sanctuary Lamp

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

Bernard & Nora Gallagher

Gift of: The Gallagher Family



The Altar Candles

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

Bernard & Nora Gallagher

Gift of: The Gallagher Family



Easter Flowers

Very soon beautiful Easter flowers will adorn our sanctuary. Included in your envelope packet is an "Easter Flower" envelope. You may use this envelope to help defray the cost of decorating our church. The memorials will be printed in the bulletin following Easter Sunday.

Suggested donation:

Small: \$25.00

Medium: \$50.00

Large: \$100.00



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

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

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

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



The Paschal Candle

Is donated in loving memory of

Timothy Drain and Patricia Mulieri

Gift of: Walter & Maureen Drain

The new Paschal Candle will be lit at the Easter Vigil. The candle remains in the church and is lit at every baptism and funeral mass throughout the year.



We pray for those who have recently died . . .

Michael DePalo, Bridget Hillert

*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.*



Today's Second Collection is your "**EASTER GIFT TO OUR PARISH**". Our annual budget depends on a generous contribution to the Church from all of our parishioners. Envelopes are available at the doors of the Church. As Lent comes to a close, we are reminded that Lent is a time of sacrifice. Remember, God will never be outdone in generosity to each and everyone of you!



HOLY WEEK

Holy Week Draws Christians Closer to Life in Christ Greetings!

Even at a young age, children will be aware of some of the differences with the liturgy during Holy Week. Parents, grandparents, and others who guide them in the faith will want to explain that the liturgical calendar reminds us that all times and all seasons belong to God. In each liturgical year, we have the opportunity to celebrate the entirety of Jesus' earthly life, from the Annunciation and Mary's yes to His Ascension and the sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Each liturgical year begins with the First Sunday of Advent and ends with the week of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. At the beginning of Holy Week, the Church is still in the season of Lent, but at the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, the liturgical season of the Sacred Paschal Triduum begins.

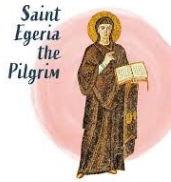
As Holy Week approaches, and we prepare for the holiest days of the liturgical year, our celebrations become more distinctive. Historians tell us that because this time is so sacred, many of its traditions come to us from very early in Christian history.

The movement of the processions of Holy Week, from Palm Sunday through Holy Saturday, may entrance children. These processions help us to enter into the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. All of Holy Week makes present the greatest events in history so that we, the people of today, might encounter Jesus as the people present in Jerusalem two thousand years ago were able to do. Through this encounter we come to believe in Him, to recognize our vocation to bring His love to all people, and to hope that where He has gone we shall follow.

At the beginning of Mass on Palm Sunday, we gather for the blessing of palms and we sing Hosanna, praising Jesus, the one who saves, as He comes into Jerusalem. We are part of the crowd praising Him as the Savior. At the end of the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, we process with the Blessed Sacrament and are invited to remain in prayer with Jesus as his friends did after the Last Supper. On Holy Saturday, we begin at the new fire, where the Paschal candle is blessed and we process behind it into the dark church. As the people of Israel followed the pillar of fire to salvation from slavery, we follow the light of Christ, which leads us to salvation. As the light comes to each person, one by one, we see the light of Christ spread throughout the Church as we hope it will spread through the whole world, until God will be all in all and his Kingdom will have no end.

As the Paschal Mystery is made present to us today, we encounter the person of Jesus Christ, through whom comes our salvation.

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St. Egeria the Pilgrim

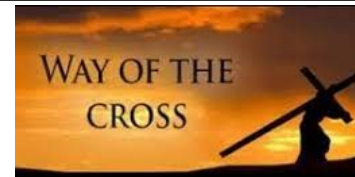
The Sacred Paschal Triduum

The Paschal or Easter Triduum (Latin for "three days") begins Holy Thursday evening (which marks the end of Lent) and concludes Easter Sunday evening. Its liturgical services are the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening, the Good Friday service of the Celebration of the Passion of the Lord, and the celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening after sunset and then at the Mass during the Day on Easter Sunday.

The Second Vatican Council reminded us of the extraordinary importance of the Triduum: "Christ redeemed us all and gave perfect glory to God principally through his paschal mystery: dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life. Therefore the Easter Triduum of the passion and resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire liturgical year."

As summit of the liturgical year, the Triduum is experienced as a singular and unified celebration as was the Lord's example of service, suffering, death, and resurrection which they commemorate, namely the Paschal Mystery.

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Sponsored by Communion and Liberation

Good Friday, March 29, 2024

Beginning at 9:45 am

St. James Cathedral, Brooklyn

First Station

After a station on the Brooklyn Bridge, the procession will follow the cross to a third station at City Hall Park in Manhattan

Concluding at 1:30pm

St. Andrew Church,

20 Cardinal Hayes Place, NYC

Final Station

Phone: 212-337-3580

website: www.wocbrooklynbridge.org

Divine Mercy

The message of Divine Mercy Devotion calls people to a deeper understanding that God's love is unlimited and available to everyone.

On Sunday, April 7th we will celebrate **The Feast of Divine Mercy** with a Holy Hour that will include Benediction and Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 pm in the Church.

All parishioners are encouraged pray the **Divine Mercy Novena**; from Good Friday until Divine Mercy Sunday.



**St. Patrick
Catholic Academy**

Wishing you a happy St. Patrick's Day!

At St. Patrick's, we celebrate our patron saint with Mass and a school-wide celebration. This year, students hosted the noon Mass and were treated to an Irish sing-along, step dancers, the Woods Family Band, a St. Patrick look-a-like contest, and a special visitor. Each class also learned about our patron saint and the lore behind St. Patrick's Day.



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.