



THE CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK BAY RIDGE, BROOKLYN



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Ms. Tara Petruzzellis.....Bookkeeper

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

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

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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

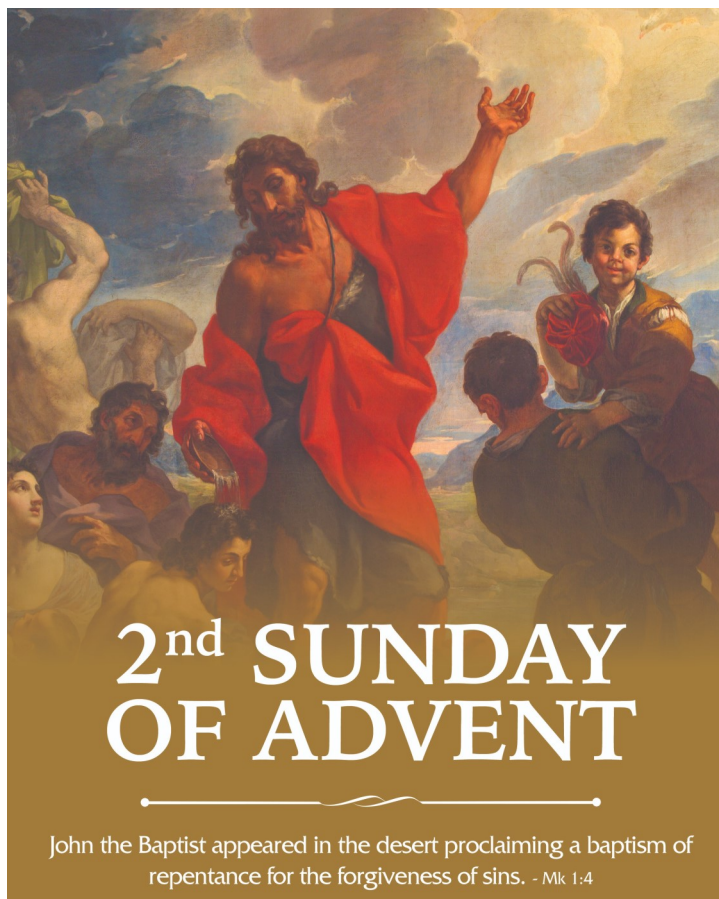
Each Friday at 10:15 AM in the Rectory Meeting Room

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



John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. - Mk 1:4

In today's Gospel, we hear the words from the first reading quoted. We see the ultimate fulfillment of those words in John the Baptist and the person of Jesus Christ. God's full presence has come to dwell with His people through the Incarnation. John the Baptist was the precursor to Jesus, the Messiah. He prepared the way for His coming. In particular, we see Him announcing the coming of the Messiah and helping people prepare their hearts to meet Him by "proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." What follows this passage is the baptism of Jesus by John, which began Jesus' public ministry. Thus, we see here John preparing the people to encounter the living God as He would walk among them and minister to them through His preaching and healing. So, too, we are called to prepare to encounter Jesus. We are to open our hearts everyday to receive Him and let Him be the king of our lives. How do we do this? Just like in the Gospel, the first step is repentance of our sins so we can receive God's forgiveness.

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.



**December 9th, Saturday, Vigil
Second Sunday of Advent**

5:00 pm Michael F. Scally
Magdalena Pirro (*First Anniversary*)
Gena Graff
Butch Elbrecht
Joseph Monahan
Dolores Nicosia
Frank Gilbride
Rosalie Serra (*Anniversary*)
Rev. Ronald Petroski
Rev. Edmond Hawley

For the intentions of...The People of the Parish
Providencia Castro Apolaris
Martha, Gustavo, Maryann, Mark and
Dorian Guzman and family

December 10th, Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Eva Castaldi-Bellatonio
9:30 am James Keenaghan
11:00 am Maria Reda
12:30 pm Janet Blasko Fink (*Birthday Memorial*)
5:00 pm Dolores Nicosia

December 11th, Monday, Advent Weekday

8:15 am Evelyn Doumar
12 Noon James McDonough

December 12th, Tuesday, Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:15 am For the special intentions of...
Mary Ann Guzman and Family
12 Noon Aleexander Barbato

December 13, Wednesday, St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

8:15 am Gena Graff
12 Noon Margaret DeLuca (*Anniversary*)

**December 14th, Thursday, St. John of the Cross,
Priest and Doctor of the Church**

8:15 am Gena Graff
12 Noon Angelica Mottola

December 15th, Friday, Advent Weekday

8:15 am John James Fitzpatrick
12 Noon Mary B. Nolan

December 16th, Saturday, Advent Weekday

8:15 am Gena Graff
12 Noon Eve R. Devinsky (*Happy Birthday!*)

December 16th, Saturday, Vigil

Third Sunday of Advent

5:00 pm Anthony Borg (*Anniversary*)
Timothy Lynch
Sr. Eileen O'Flaherty, MMM
Christy Foley
Madeline Viggiano (*1st Anniversary*)
Gena Graff
Joseph Monahan
Salvatore Gambino
Nicolas Elias Aldawaliby

For the intentions of...The People of the Parish
Martha, Gustavo, Maryann, Mark and
Dorian Guzman and family

December 17th, Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 am George Giapoutzis
9:30 am Stanley Dobronski and
Blanch Dobronski (*Birthday Memorial*)
11:00 am Ernesto Fedukovitch and Vita Coppola
12:30 pm Charles Bisang (*1st Anniversary*)
5:00 pm Peter Leonard Amato



Last Weekend, we welcomed . . .

Arianna Santucci

*who desires to be fully incorporated into the
Catholic Church through the Sacraments of
Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Holy
Eucharist.*

AND

Joshua Cosme and Carmen Saffioti

*who seeks to complete their Christian initiation
through the Sacraments of Confirmation and
Eucharist.*

Please join us in warmly welcoming these
catechumen and candidates into our faith
family and supporting them with our prayers.



**A Message from your
Spiritually Adopted Child
SECOND MONTH**

"I can jump!"

Thanks to your prayers I am making great
progress developing all of my external
features and internal organs. At 40 days my
brain began functioning; and now my mom
can hear my heartbeat on an ultrasonic
stethoscope. The buds of my baby teeth are
present and I have discovered how to suck my
thumb. By the end of the eighth week,
everything I need to survive after birth will be
present; from this moment, I will continue to
grow and refine my body.

Please continue to pray for me and my
mom!

**"Dear Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love
you very much. I beg you to spare the
life of the unborn child (add my name
here) that I have spiritually adopted."**

My Mom and I wish you and your loved
ones a very Merry Christmas! Thank you for
praying for us. I will send you an update in
January.

With love, Your Spiritually Adopted Child



**January through June
2024**

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Evening Vigil: 4:30pm
Sunday: 8am, 9:30am, 11am, 12:30pm, 5pm

Weekday Masses:

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



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: Baby Savannah, Baby Charlotte, Doris Freyland, Elizabeth Fifield, Anthony Carmine Strano, Patrick Anthony Smyth, Paul Soffing, Jane Metzger, Ted Mootos, John Eulenid, Arthur Samuel

WEEK TWO: Agnes Elaine Grosso, Joseph Perri, Joan Venezia, Gregory Corrado, Jeffrey Corrado, Isabel Tayar, Gary Checkalski, Louise Arias

WEEK THREE: Margaret Buckley, Rafael Vallejo, James Gorayeb, Helen Gorayeb, Jim McCormack, Matthew James, Felipo Sarubbi, Dennis Cristello, Roger Santos, Jean Mitchell, Jim Vaccario



Bread & Wine

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

Butch Elbrecht

Gift of: The Elbrecht Family



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.

Suzanne Smalley, Rose Marie Murtagh, Rev. Msgr. John E, Delendick



Sanctuary Lamp Candle

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

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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.



Altar Candles

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

Jenne Guyette

Gift of: The Guyette Family

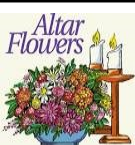


Christmas Flower Fund

One very important tradition of St. Patrick Parish is the **decorating of our Church with flowers** for the great celebration of Christ's birth. Beautiful poinsettias will beautify our Church throughout the Christmas Season. Donations can be made In Memory, Honor or Thanksgiving of a loved one.

The suggested donations are:

- **Jumbo Plant** \$100.00
- **Large Plant** \$ 50.00
- **Small Plant** \$ 25.00



Altar Flowers

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

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

I Want To Believe

The Birth of Jesus



4 Week Study on the Birth of Christ

Begins

Dec 4th, 11th, 18th, & Jan 8th (RSVP)
(Every Monday 1PM, & 6:30PM Evening)

Location & Time

In the PSR Office

1PM / with Pot Luck Lunch
6:30PM / with Pot Luck Dinner
Followed by Lesson

Please bring Something to Share!!!

Materials Needed

Bible, Catechism and Notebook.
Use QR Code to visit our
Blogger Page.

Remember...

#WeAreStPatrick



Reconciliation Monday
Come to be forgiven and to forgive!

December 18th
3:00 pm to 8:00 pm

The Season of Advent is a perfect time to prepare your heart and soul for the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Newborn King. This is a great gift to give yourself this



Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 24, 4th Sunday of Advent

8:00 am
9:30 am
11:00 am
12:30 pm

Sunday, December 24th, Christmas Eve

5:00 pm
Midnight

Monday, December 25th, Christmas Day

8:00 am
10:00 am
12 Noon

Sunday, December 31st,
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00 am
9:30 am
11:00 am
12:30 pm

Sunday, December 31st, Vigil,
Mary, Mother of God

5:00 pm

Monday, January 1st
Mary, Mother of God

8:15 am
12 Noon

Lessons and Carols

A concert of choral music from 9th century chants to 20th century American carols with readings of salvation history.

The Choir of
Communion and Liberation
under the direction of
Chris Vath

Sunday December 10th
3:30 pm

St. Patrick Church
95th Street and 4th Avenue

Bambinelli Sunday



Bring your Baby Jesus,
from your Nativity set, to
Mass for a Special
Blessing

December 16th & 17th

We invite young and old, children and adults to participate in this powerful witness to our celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.



Christmas Novena Candles

Leave your prayer intentions at the
Manger.

The first set of 3 Day Candles will be lit prior to the 5:00 pm Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve.

Candles may be purchased for 3 Days \$5.00 or for the full 9 Day Novena for \$15.00.

Oh, What Fun it is to Bake!



Calling all Bakers!

Do you make the **BEST** Christmas Cookies?
Enter to win a chance for bragging rights!

CHRISTMAS COOKIE BAKE-OFF

Hospitality Sunday
December 17th

Entry forms are available at all entrances to
the Church and in the rectory!



Your Christmas Offering

Romans 12:6 reminds us that God, through Christ, has given each of us gifts to use for his glory. The holidays can be a great time to use your gifts for that purpose — to shine the light on Jesus while bringing joy to other people.

Advent provides an opportunity for each parishioner to offer, in the name of Jesus, a Christmas gift to the Parish.

Many of St. Patrick's parishioners give very generously at Christmas time and for this we **Thank you.**

NOVEMBER TITHING REPORT

Tithing

November 5th	\$ 7,330.00
November 12th	\$ 7,213.00
November 19th	\$ 6,547.00
November 26th	\$ 7,847.00
Faith Direct (Month of November)	\$11,156.00
All Saints	\$ 3,342.00
Energy	\$ 2,799.00
Fuel	\$ 2,925.00
Campaign for Human Develop.	\$ 3,119.00
Thanksgiving (SVdP)	\$ 2,725.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 2,757.00
Total Gifts:	\$57,705.00

Gather your family and get in the Christmas Spirit at . . .



St. Patrick's Christmas Spectacular

Wednesday, December 13th
7:00 pm

Fireworks Display and Santa's Arrival

*4th Avenue will be closed.



**WHO DOESN'T
NEED
EXTRA \$\$\$
This Time of Year?**
TICK TOCK
Time is getting Short!

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

\$ 4,830 collected to date

Drawing is Sunday, December 17th
Right around the corner!

TICK TOCK—TICK TOCK

Parish Fundraiser . . .

A Rhapsody Christmas

A Glorious Night of Christmas Music



Saturday, December 16th
7:30 pm

Aldo Bruschi Auditorium

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



St. Patrick Catholic Academy

For the first time, St. Pat's has a Living Advent Calendar. Students in the Advent Club come through the door each day to share Christmas carols, scripture, and famous quotes. On December 1st, Addison in Grade 5 sang "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord."



Thank you to Midwood Catholic Academy's Gospel Choir for joining us for a special performance!



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.