



# 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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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



How encouraging for us anxious and troubled souls to hear Luke describe the Blessed Mother Mary in these words, “*But she was greatly troubled at what was said.*” An archangel has visited her. An inconceivable promise has been made to her. Her life has become wildly unpredictable, perhaps more so than any person before or since. The first point for us: the Lord is with her precisely when she is troubled. Her anxiousness and God’s presence are not mutually exclusive. Christianity is not about a trance-like robotic indifference. It’s about the presence of divine love. Even in — especially in — troubled circumstances.

Our troubled soul can become our greatest treasure. What seems so troubling at first to Mary becomes the best possible thing, Jesus, the Savior and Lord, is now her son. All the difficulties and troubles remain, and yet her movement into the fullness of God is accelerated. What is troubling you right now? This scripture invites us now, this week, to hear the Lord’s messenger say to us what he said to Mary, “*Do not be afraid! You have found favor with God.*”— Father John Muir ©LPI

## 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 23rd, Saturday, Vigil**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

5:00 pm Gena Graff  
 Stephen Rosado (3rd Anniversary)  
 Nicolas Elias Aldawaliby

**For the intentions of...**

The People of the Parish  
 Louise Speziale (*Healing*)  
 Michael & Providencia Gilbride  
 Martha, Gustavo, Maryann, Mark and  
 Dorian Guzman and family  
 In honor of St. Jude, Evangelist

**December 24th, Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:00 am Bernard & Nora Gallagher  
 9:30 am Giuseppe & Filomena Angelone,  
 Edward Bowes and Ida D'Amelio  
 11:00 am Maria & Antonio Reda  
 12:30 pm Joseph Langley

**December 24th, Sunday Vigil,  
 The Nativity of the Lord**

5:00 pm Christmas Novena  
 12 Midnight Christmas Novena

**December 25th, Monday, The Nativity of the Lord**

8:00 am Christmas Novena  
 10:00 am Christmas Novena  
 12 Noon Christmas Novena

**December 26th, Tuesday, St. Stephen, First Martyr**

8:15 am Christmas Novena  
 12 Noon John DeCapio and the DeCapio Family

**December 27, Wednesday, St. John, Apostle**

8:15 am Christmas Novena  
 12 Noon Mary Elizabeth Godfrey and Alice Vaccacio

**December 28, Thursday, Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

8:15 am Christmas Novena  
 12 Noon Joseph Vallone

**December 29th, Friday,  
 Fifth Day within the Octave of Christmas**

8:15 am Richard and Robert Godfrey  
 12 Noon Edward & Danielle Tilyou

**December 30th, Saturday,  
 Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas**

8:15 am Christmas Novena  
 12 Noon Nicolas Elias Aldawaliby

**December 30th, Saturday, Vigil,  
 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

5:00 pm Paul Fitzpatrick (*2nd Anniversary*)  
 Gena Graff

**For the intentions of...**

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

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

8:00 am Gena Graff  
 9:30 am Hilda Marrero Castro  
 11:00 am Maria & Antonio Reda  
 12:30 pm James Keenaghan

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

5:00 pm Adele Slattery



**Christmas Mass Schedule**

**Sunday, December 24th, Christmas Eve**

5:00 pm  
 Midnight

**Monday, December 25th, Christmas Day**

8:00 am  
 10:00 am  
 12 Noon

The Masses celebrated at 5:00 pm on Saturday, December 23rd and at 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am and 12:30 pm on Sunday, December 24th are the Masses for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, they do not satisfy the obligation to attend Mass on Christmas.

The 5:00 pm and Midnight Masses, celebrated, on December 24th will celebrate Christmas, the Birth of Christ, which is ALWAYS a Holy Day of Obligation.



Opening of the Second Half of the

**2024 Mass Book**

(July through December)  
**Wednesday, January 24th**  
 9:00 am

**Rectory Meeting Room**  
 Entrance under the arch

When preparing your list of Masses please keep in mind our **NEW Mass Schedule** which will be in effect January 1st through June 30th.



**New Mass Schedule**

**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

**Celebration of the Opening of the 350th Anniversary of the Revelations of the Sacred Heart**

With prayer and song, featuring Michael Zabrocki  
 Tuesday, December 27th

7:00 pm  
 Visitation Monastery

For information, call 718 745 5151



## **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:** Agnes Elaine Grosso, Joseph Perri, Joan Venezia, Gregory Corrado, Jeffrey Corrado, Isabel Tayar, Gary Checkalski, Louise Arias, Mitchell Kuddar

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

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



## **Bread & Wine**

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

***Louis Ferrara***

***Gift of: Mary Brannan***



## **We pray for those who have recently died . . .**

***Cruz Maria Pellulera,  
Patricia Savage McGirt***

*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 Candle**

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

***Ronald Sinacori***

***Gift of: Mary Brannan***



## **Your Christmas Offering**

If you have not already done so, there is still time to give your Christmas Offering to the Parish. Envelopes are available in at all entrances to the Church and in the main office of the rectory.



## **Altar Candles**

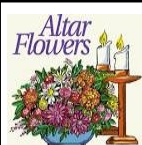
*This week the Altar Candles are donated in loving memory of . . .*

***Louis Ferrara***

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## **DIOCESAN CHRISTMAS COLLECTION**

We appeal to all our parishioners here at St. Patrick to please join again in sharing God's love with the children and families of our diocese who are in need, and give generously to the ***Catholic Charities Collection on Christmas Day.***



## **Altar Flowers**

*The flowers adorning the Altar and Church are donated through the generous donations to the*

***2023 Christmas Flower Fund***

***Gift of: Parishioners of St. Patrick Parish***



Thank you to all those who contributed to the 2023 Christmas Flower Fund. **All** donations to the Christmas Flower Fund assure that our altar and church will be adorned with fresh flowers throughout the Christmas Season.

The Christmas Flower Fund will be posted in next weekend's bulletin.

# Christmas Spectacular 2023

On Wednesday, December 13th parishioners and members of the community gathered together for a special **Pre-Christmas Celebration!**



The evening kicked off with a special Christmas Concert by the Children of St. Patrick's Catholic Academy.

A splendid fireworks display, set to Christmas music, followed the concert.



The evening's festivities culminated with the highly anticipated arrival of... **Santa Claus on a horse drawn carriage!**

Thank you to Vincent Tepedino, from Bay Ridge Toyota, for sponsoring the evening's festivities and Manny Sales, Norman Jaslow and their assistants who helped to make this wonderful event possible...

On behalf of St. Patrick's Parish and St. Patrick's Catholic Academy, we wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas!





As we celebrate the Christmas season, it brings with it a time of reflection, joy, and profound gratitude. We are reminded of the greatest gift ever given – the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a time to celebrate the hope, peace, love, and joy that comes from God.

When we gather with friends and family this Christmas, let us remember those who are less fortunate and those who are alone during this season. Let us extend our hands in love and service, embodying the spirit of Christ who came not to be served, but to serve.

This Christmas, I encourage you to take a moment to reflect on the blessings in your lives and the grace that God has bestowed upon us. Let us also look forward to the coming year with hope and faith, trusting that God will continue to guide and protect us.

On behalf of Fr. Falce, Fr. Peter, Fr. Albert and Seminarian Paulo I wish your Christmas be filled with the joy and peace that comes from knowing and loving God. And may the coming year bring you and your loved ones happiness, health, and abundant blessings.

**Merry Christmas,**  
*Fr. Dowd*



**Next Sunday, December 31st, we will celebrate The Feast of the Holy Family.**

This Feast Day honors Jesus, the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph as the holiest of families and therefore a model for all Christian families. They were holy because they placed God

at the center of their family life, they loved and sacrificed for one another, and they radiated that love to others in the redemptive mission of the Word Incarnate.

In studying the lessons of the Holy Family, we come to know the virtues that strengthen us as individuals, as family members, and as citizens of the world, including the virtues of loyalty, obedience, faithfulness and unconditional love.

**Prayer to the Holy Family**

*Lord, You intended for the Holy Family to be an example for all, and for the Holy Spirit to enlighten our homes. May we, like them, be able to live according to the family virtues and stand united by the strength of Your love before meeting again for eternity in the joy of Your house. Amen.*



**On January 1st we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.** *Called in the Gospels "the Mother of Jesus," Mary is acclaimed by Elizabeth, at the prompting of the Spirit and even before the birth of her son, as "the Mother of my Lord." In fact, the One whom she conceived as man by the Holy Spirit, who truly became her Son according to the flesh, was none other than the Father's eternal Son, the second person of the Holy Trinity. Hence the Church confesses that Mary is truly "Mother of God".*

**Masses for the Holy Day ...  
Sunday, December 31st  
Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm**

**Monday, January 1st  
8:15 am and 12 Noon**

**As it falls on a Monday,  
The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
is NOT a holy day of obligation this year.**



**This bulletin was sent to the publisher prior to the winning ticket being drawn. The winner's name and the total collected will be in the next weekend's bulletin. (The winner has already been notified.)**

**THE 2024 FALL INTO CASH 50/50  
RAFFLE WAS A TREMENDOUS  
SUCCESS!**



**The Winners of  
the 2023  
Christmas Cookie  
Bake-off...**

**Will be posted in next  
weekend's bulletin.**



## St. Patrick Catholic Academy

On Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, our middle school students worked hard to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for One Sandwich at a Time, a charity that provides food to the homeless. Our students created and packed up over 1,000 sandwiches! Our mission is to serve others as Christ did. We are proud of the work our students do to give back to their community. Thank you to Mrs. O'Neil for organizing and representing St. Pat's on NY1!



Thank you to our Home Academy Association (HAA) for organizing our annual Christmas Boutique! Our HAA always puts together amazing fundraisers to help benefit our school. Thank you to all the parent volunteers!



For more information on St. Patrick Catholic Academy, visit us at [www.stpatrickca.org](http://www.stpatrickca.org) or email us at [admission@stpatrickca.org](mailto:admission@stpatrickca.org) !

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