



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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401 97th Street.....(T) 718-833-0124

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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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January 28, 2024
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Everyday Stewardship
Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Embracing Change in Christ

It's officially one month since we popped the champagne, toasted 2021 and wrote down a list of resolutions. This is usually the time when we start to take a good, hard look in the mirror to assess what we have done — or have not done — with the first month of this brand-new year.

New years can be scary, can't they? Full of promise, sure, but also full of room for failure. Full of space for our old baggage, old fears and the continuation of old mistakes.

The same can be said of Christ, and the new life he offers us, if we are brave enough to accept it. Opportunities like that can be intimidating. In that moment, we might find ourselves like the man with the unclean spirit crying out: "What have you to do with me, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?"

Jesus is a comforter of the afflicted; he is a consoling figure, but he is also a challenging one. Sometimes we have grown attached to our afflictions. The idea of correcting bad habits or forming new ones is frankly terrifying to us. We have a voice deep inside who sees Christ and his invitation to repentance, and it cries out in fear: "I know who you are!"

When we live in the present, disavowing the baggage of the past or fear of the future, we submit ourselves to the promise of redemption. Let us be brave everyday stewards and invite Christ's healing power into our lives. We won't regret it — I'm sure the demoniac never did.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

**January 27th, Saturday, Vigil,
Fourth Ordinary Sunday**

4:30 pm Gena Graff
Timothy Lynch
Christopher Vitale
Bernard & Nora Gallagher
For the intentions of....
The People of the Parish
Dorian Guzman and Family

January 28th, Fourth Ordinary Sunday

8:00 am In thanksgiving to Our Lady of the
Clouds, Our Lady Miraculous Medal,
Divine Mercy and The Infant of Prague
9:30 am Louise Munro
11:00 am Dorothy Trzymkowski
12:30 pm For the intentions of Jean Marie McAloon
5:00 pm Lucille Aiello Coluccio

January 29th, Monday, Weekday

8:15 am Frank Ciccone Hunter
12 Noon Robert Needle

January 30th, Tuesday, Weekday

8:15 am For the intentions of Maryann & Mark
Guzman and Family
12 Noon William Caffrey

January 31st, Wednesday, St. John Bosco, Priest

8:15 am Helen Magee
12 Noon Charles, Cathleen and Mary Steele

February 1st, Thursday, Weekday

8:15 am Robert Paradiso
12 Noon Elizabeth McKenna

**February 2nd, First Friday,
The Presentation of the Lord**

8:15 am William A. DeLorenzo
12 Noon Purgatorial Society

**February 3rd, First Saturday,
St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr**

12 Noon Billy and Frank Godfrey



The following Masses are available for your intentions February—June 2024

Mass Intentions are \$15.00 Arrangements can be made in the rectory.

February 2024

Sunday Masses:

4:30 pm (Vigil): February 3, 10, 17 & 24

Weekday Masses:

8:15 am: February 21st and 26th

March 2024

Sunday Masses:

4:30 pm (Vigil): March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd

8:00 am: March 3rd

Weekday Masses:

8:15 am: March 4th, 5th and 13th

April 2024

Sunday Masses:

4:30 pm (Vigil): April 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th

9:30 am: April 21st and 28th

11:00 am: April 21st and 28th

12:30 pm: April 21st

5:00 pm: April 28th

Weekday Masses:

8:15 am: April 11th, 12th, 23rd, 24th, 29th and 30th

12 Noon: April 19th, 20th, 22nd, 25th and 30th

May 2024

Sunday Masses:

4:30 pm (Vigil): May 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th

8:00 am: May 5th

9:30 am: May 19th & 26th

11:00 am: May 19th

12:30 pm: May 19th and 26th

5:00 pm: May 5th, 19th and 26th

Weekday Masses:

8:15 am: May 6th, 17th, 20th, 23rd, 24th, 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st

12 Noon: May 11th, 16th, 17th, 20th, 21st, 23rd, 25th, 27th, 28th, 29th and 31st

June 2024

Sunday Masses:

4:30 pm (Vigil): June 1st, 8th, 22nd & 29th

8:00 am: June 2nd and 9th

9:30 am: June 2nd, 9th and 30th

11:00 am: June 9th and 30th

5:00 pm: June 2nd, 9th and 30th

Weekday Masses:

8:15 am: June 5th, 6th, 11th, 13th, 14th, 24th and 27th

12 Noon: June 6th, 8th, 14th and 15th



**The Second 1/2 of the
2024 Mass Book is now open.**

New Mass Schedule, Beginning July 1, 2024

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Evening Vigil: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8am, 10am, 12 Noon and 5pm

Weekday Masses:

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

2023 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

To obtain a copy of your 2023 Contribution Statement, please contact the main office of the rectory.

By phone: 718-238-2600

Via email: parish@stpatrickbayridge.org



Saint Patrick's is celebrating our 175th anniversary!

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.

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. Please check in regularly for important updates on liturgies, programming, and events.



The Bread and Wine

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

Father Bob Vitaglione

Gift of: Ed Clinton



Sanctuary Lamp

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

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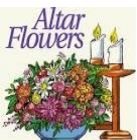


Altar Candles

This week the Altar candles have been donated in loving memory of . . .

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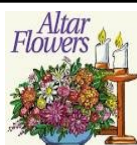


Altar Flowers

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Altar Flowers

The Altar Candles for the Week of January 21, 2024 were donated in loving memory of

Christina & Peter Sullivan

*(Wedding Anniversary Memorial)
Gift of: Maureen Marcella*



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

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

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

WEEK THREE: Agnes Elaine Grosso, Joan Venezia, Gregory Corrado, Jeffrey Corrado, Louise Arrias, Gary Checkalski, Mitchell Kuddar, Joseph Perri



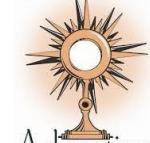
We pray for those who have recently died . . .

**Patricia Brennan,
Matthew A. Bracco
Pasquale Vallone**

*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.*

Eucharistic

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



Adoration

Exposition will begin following the 12:30 pm Sunday Mass ending with Benediction and Reposition at 4:30 pm.

Exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is not only a very old devotion in our Church, but one that highlights the fundamental mystery of the Holy Eucharist that our Lord is truly present, body and blood, soul and divinity, in the Blessed Sacrament.



The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
Commonly called **Candlemas**
Friday, February 2nd

This feast day occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus. In obedience to the Old Law, the Lord Jesus, the first-born, was presented in the Temple by His Blessed Mother and His foster father. This is another 'epiphany' celebration insofar as the Christ Child is revealed as the Messiah through the canticle and words of Simeon and the testimony of Anna the prophetess. Christ is the light of the nations, hence the blessing of candles on this day.

The Feast of St. Blaise
Saturday, February 3rd

St. Blaise was a 3rd Century bishop who is invoked against diseases of the throat.



Throats will be blessed
at 12 pm and 4:30 pm Masses

I Want To
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



Lent begins on
Ash Wednesday, February 14th,



We want to be ready to really take off on that day, rather than just beginning to think about Lent on that day. Part of what makes a vacation or a special anniversary so special is the build-up to it.

Taking some time to get ready for Lent will ensure that we aren't going to miss the first week or two of Lent, because we are just getting started.

Before we get to Ash Wednesday, we should start asking ourselves some questions and we should start with some preparations. **"What does God want to give me this year?"** This question may require that we slow down a bit and *listen* to our inner spirit.

Saint Egeria the Pilgrim



Egeria the Pilgrim

The content you'll find in this space in the coming weeks and months is inspired by the holy woman Egeria who made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem in the 380s AD. Egeria was not an

abbess or a nun, but a lay woman who was, like many pilgrims today, very curious about what happened at the various services of the shrines in the Holy Land. While she might have been a bit wealthier than many of us, allowing her to make her lengthy pilgrimage, she simply wanted to share as much of her experience as she could with her friends back home. So, she took detailed notes that are now some of the first and best accounts of the rituals that took place in the local Church of Jerusalem.

This space will be an opportunity for us to explore, like Egeria, the worship space, rituals, customs, and other themes that we encounter, not on the other side of the world but in our own church each time we participate at the Sacred Mysteries. Egeria's life was changed by her experience. So, too, will our lives be transformed when we actively, knowingly, and faithfully join in the Sunday celebration and beyond.



Sunday Celebration

From the Church's very beginnings, believers have followed the Lord's Last Supper command: "Do this in memory of me." His Apostles and first followers, who were mostly Jews and perhaps a bit unsure about their newfound place in salvation history, initially continued attending synagogue during the week. Nevertheless, they gathered each Sunday to commemorate the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus. *"They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers"* (Acts 2:42).

After their profession of Christ Crucified and Risen, nothing was more important for them than the Sunday celebration. For almost two millennia now, Sunday after Sunday, our ancestors in the Faith have followed that simple and straightforward command of the Lord Jesus. In the present age, many distractions vie for our attention each weekend. Yet Christians have always had demands on their time. Strenuous labors to provide basic food and shelter used to fill their days from before dawn until after sunset. While today's distractions are often more about rest and fun than hard work, every child, woman, and man who follows Jesus needs to hear anew His words: *"Do this in memory of me."*

Egeria Inserts are an endeavor of EgeriathePilgrim.com.



**The St. Vincent DePaul
Food Pantry
Announces**

Souper Bowl VI

**The event we've been
waiting for all season!**

On **February 11th** we will hold our **Sixth Annual Souper Bowl**. This year we're expanding the event to include not only soup but all sorts of canned food - veggies, fruit, canned meats and canned tuna.

It should be an exciting day, topped off by that football game.

Thanks in advance for your support.



The family of **Joe Habib** has made a generous donation to the SVDP Food Pantry in his memory. Joe was a well-liked volunteer at the food pantry who gave generously of his time. He is truly missed.

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.

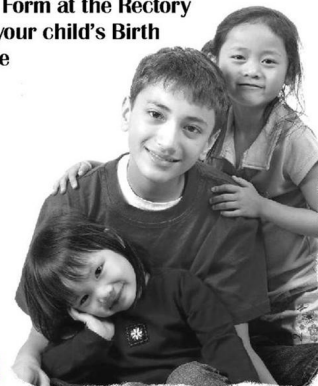
St. Patrick's Parish School of Religion Faith Formation

Register Your Child for First Communion, Continual Faith Formation, Confirmation Classes for 2024-2025. Fees:

\$100 - 1 Child / \$130 - 2 Children / \$150 - 3 Children

**Before
Sept 1st!**

Register Online by using the QR Code, use this quick form, or pick up a Registration Form at the Rectory Office. Please bring a copy of your child's Birth Certificate & Baptism Certificate



www.StPatsPSR.org



The parish of St. Patrick and St. Patrick Catholic Academy comply with all Safe Environment mandates set forth by the Diocese of Brooklyn and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Anyone in the Diocese of Brooklyn who has direct contact with children is required to follow the Safe Environment Mandates:

- Attend a VIRTUS workshop: Protecting God's Children for Adults.
- Sign a Code of Conduct.
- Authorize a criminal background screening

St. Patrick Catholic Academy's Theater Club Presents Our 2024 Production of...

JOSEPH And the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Thursday and Friday, February 1st and 2nd at 7:00 pm
Saturday and Sunday, February 3rd and 4th at 2:00 pm
\$15—All Ages—All Performances

**Lyrics by Tim Rice
Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber**

For Tickets contact: DHTickets4@gmail.com

Payments to: [@SPCTheaterClub on Venmo](#)

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of the Really Useful Group Ltd. www.concordtheatricals.com



St. Patrick Catholic Academy

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718-833-0124 admission@stpatrickca.org

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



Benefits at St. Patrick Catholic Academy:

- Average class size is 28 in K-8; average at 20 in Nursery and Pre-K
- STEM and Library-Media Center.
- 1:1 Electronic Devices in Grades K-8.
- Regents Algebra I and Regents Living Environment.
- Nursery-8th: Music, Art, Gym, and Library.
- 5th - 8th: choice of a World Languages
- Daily outdoor recess
- Clubs: Theater, Petite Painters, Irish Step Dancing, and Teen Club.
- CYO sports: Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer, Baseball, Softball, and Swimming.
- Extended Day options available

For more information, visit us online at www.stpatrickca.org !

Open Houses!

- ➔ Sunday, January 28th from 12:30PM- 2:00PM
- ➔ Touring Tuesdays- 9:30AM by appointment