



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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February 11, 2024

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Everyday Stewardship

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

The Unfailing Goodness of God

I have always wondered why Jesus told the cleansed leper not to publicize how he had been healed by the Son of God. It's not that I can't understand why Jesus would want to keep the matter quiet — after all, he knew that as soon as people heard, he would be mobbed with requests for healings, and his movements restricted.

What gets me is the fact that Jesus simply must have realized the leper would not listen to him. Why give someone a command you know they will ignore? It's a complicated question, and when I reflect on it, I can't help but connect it to another equally complicated question: why does God, all-good and all-knowing, allow bad things to happen?

Yes, God is all-good and all-knowing. So when He gives us free will, He knows what we will do with it. However, He is also all-powerful. He can and will bring good from any situation, any tragedy, or even any instance where someone ignores Him.

Was it a sin for this leper to do other than what Jesus had said? That's a heavy question for a Sunday morning! But it's plain to see that, even though this man ignored Jesus' command, God still used his actions. How many were brought to Christ because of the news spread by this leper!

As someone trying to live out a stewardship way of life, what is God requesting of you right now?

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.

February 10th, Saturday, Vigil, Sixth Ordinary Sunday

4:30 pm Gena Graff
Paul Fequiere (8th Anniversary)
Timothy Lynch
Tom Lynch
Ann M. Scotto
Joan Venezia
Eleanor Sammarco
For the intentions of....
The People of the Parish
Patrick Manna & Patricia Kirby
(50th Wedding Anniversary)
Maryann Guzman and Family
Providencia Castro Gilbride

February 11th, Sixth Ordinary Sunday

8:00 am Nicholas Aldawaliby
9:30 am The Kelly and Mattarelliano Families
11:00 am Deceased members of the Moreno and Colantuno Families
12:30 pm Edward & Kathleen Whitty
5:00 pm Francine Russo

February 12th, Monday, Weekday

8:15 am George Doumar
12 Noon Carmine & Dorothy Fischetti

February 13th, Tuesday, Weekday

8:15 am Christine Clark
12 Noon Gabriel Diaz

February 14th, Ash Wednesday

8:15 am For the intentions of
Michael & Providencia Gilbride
12 Noon James & Josephine Kelly

February 15th, Thursday after Ash Wednesday

8:15 am The Parcell Family
12 Noon Thomas J. Doyle (Anniversary)

February 16th, Friday after Ash Wednesday

8:15 am Benigna Nunez (Birthday Memorial)
12 Noon Patricia Hansen (Birthday Memorial)

February 17th, Saturday after Ash Wednesday

12 Noon Marie K. St. Pierre



Today is
Hospitality Sunday
8:30 am to 12 pm

DON'T RUN OFF AFTER MASS!
Join us for a piping, hot cup of coffee, tea or
HOT CHOCOLATE

(with whipped cream and marshmallows)
AND DELICIOUS BAKED GOODS.

NEW TO THE PARISH?

Come to the Archway Room and get to know
your fellow parishioners!

Visitors are also warmly welcomed!

No cost, no fuss, just hot beverages, donuts
and good conversation.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



Join us in celebrating
2 Great Saints!
Our Patron, St. Patrick
and **St. Joseph**

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 Alla Vodka, Chicken Parmigiana, Sausage
& Peppers, Eggplant Rollatine
Irish Soda, St. Joseph's Pastries, coffee and tea
(Beer, Wine and Soda will be available for sale)

Live Entertainment
featuring the Rhapsody Players
Performing Irish and Italian Favorites

\$35.00 per person
Checks payable to St. Patrick Church

For Reservations (required):
Call the rectory: 718-238-2600

Reservations Close: March 8, 2024

I Want To
Believe
Rising from the Ashes



**Join us for an Eight Week Study on
Ash Wednesday**

Please Bring: Bible, Catechism and Notebook
Use the QR Code to visit our Blogger Page for
details.

BAY RIDGE CARES

The SVDP Food Pantry would like to thank **Bay Ridge Cares** for their very generous donation to our Food Pantry. We would also like to recognize them for their support of many worthwhile groups and activities in the area.



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.

On Saturday, March 16th, we will celebrate our Patron Saint, St. Patrick and St. Joseph, Patron Saint of the Universal Church
Dinner and a Show, featuring the Rhapsody Players.
See ad in this bulletin for more details.

Bishop Sanchez will be the main celebrant of our **Feast Day Mass**, in our 175th Anniversary year, on **Sunday, March 17th at 12:30 pm.**



The Bread and Wine

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

Josephine Kelly

Gift of: JoAnn Kelly

Welcome to the Family of God

We extend a warm welcome to recently baptized sons and daughters in Christ:



**Michael Matthew Cunningham
Victoria Ashley Naranjo
Bradley Chase Stanziale**



Sanctuary Lamp

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

Pat Hansen

Gift of: Kathy Venezia



We wish a lifetime of happiness to the following couple recently married at St. Patrick's...
Kate (Losquardo) & Anthony Lumia



Altar Candles

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

Josephine Kelly

Gift of: JoAnn Kelly

Purgatorial Society, Newly Enrolled



**Matthew Bracco
Patricia Brennan
Domenico DeSantis
Vincent Dougherty
Jen M. Faicco
Arthur Levine
John Pineiro
Rita Wangen**

The Purgatorial Mass is offered on the First Friday of each month at 12 noon. Enrollment in the Purgatorial Society is for the period of one year.



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

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

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

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



We pray for those who have recently died . . .

**Jesus Fernando Feliciano,
Bernadette McShane,
Joseph Venezia**

*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.*



Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday, February 11, 2024

During Lent, we are called to renew our baptismal commitment by following Jesus into the desert for the next forty days through acts of **prayer, penance, almsgiving and fasting**. The key to fruitful observance of these practices is to recognize their link to baptismal renewal. We are called not just to abstain from sin during Lent, but to true conversion of our hearts and minds as followers of Christ. We recall those waters in which we were baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

The Code of Canon Law and our bishops remind us of other works and means of doing penance: *prayer, acts of self-denial, almsgiving and works of personal charity*. Attending Mass daily, praying the rosary, making the Way of the Cross, teaching the illiterate to read, reading to the blind, helping at a soup kitchen, visiting the sick and shut-ins and giving an overworked mother a break by baby-sitting—all of these can be even more meaningful and demanding than simply

Ash Wednesday Schedule 2024

7:00 am Service
8:15 am Mass
12 Noon Mass
3:00 pm Service
7:00 pm Service

PRAYER

When we pray, we renew our relationship with God. We do so in a special way through setting apart quality time for personal communion with God. Apart from personal prayer, one can read scripture, take active participation in the celebration of the Sacraments and other liturgical and para-liturgical devotions, like the Stations of the Cross.

✠ Use **The Little Black Book to meditate on the Passion: Six-minute Meditations on the Passion According to Luke** daily, beginning today

✠ **Attend Daily Mass**—8:15 am and 12 noon

✠ **Commit to Pray the Rosary Daily**— The Rosary is prayed daily in the Church following the 8:15 am and 12 Noon Masses (*on Fridays during Lent the Rosary follows the Stations of the Cross.*)

✠ **Spend some quiet time in Jesus' presence**
During Lent Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place . . .

In the Church:

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

✠ **Stations of the Cross** — Fridays during Lent the Stations of the Cross are prayed immediately following the 12 noon Mass, at 7:00 pm and in Spanish at 7:30 pm.

Good Friday at 7:00 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.

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

ALMSGIVING

Almsgiving is central to how we practice Lent. Almsgiving flows from prayer and fasting. We reflect on the needs of the world and how God is calling us to meet those needs through prayer. We make room for the needs of others—and for God's Holy Spirit to work within us—through fasting.

✠ **Each Week during Lent the St. Vincent de Paul Society** will be asking you to bring a can or package of food to Mass on Sunday. We will be asking for different items each week.
Week 1 – 2/18 - Canned Chicken

FAST

Abstinence: Catholics 14 years and older are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. Pregnant and nursing mothers and those with medical conditions are exempt.

Fasting: Catholic between 18 and 59 are also bound to Fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means having only one full meal to maintain one's strength. Two smaller, meatless and penitential meals are permitted according to one's needs, but they should not together equal the one full meal. Eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Again, pregnant and nursing mothers and those with medical conditions are exempt.

Wear Your Lenten Cross on your Journey with Christ—

Lenten Crosses will be distributed, with *The Little Black Book*, at all Masses this weekend.



Why Do We Receive Ashes as Lent Begins? Kristopher W. Seaman

Many parishes collect palm branches blessed the previous year to make ashes for Ash Wednesday, as envisioned by *The Roman Missal (the red book the priest uses during the liturgy)*. Once the palms are collected, people gather a few days before Ash Wednesday, usually after Evening Prayer, to burn the palm branches.

During the course of a year, the once green, oxygen producing, living palm branch was cut, blessed, distributed on Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, and later placed in the home. Subsequently over the year, the branches began to yellow, dry out, and shrink. The cycle begins again: the palm branches are burned to produce ash. On Ash Wednesday, they are applied to the forehead in the form of a cross.

A profound movement in people's lives is given expression in the change that occurred to the palm branch over the year. Like that branch, we, too, may lose a firm rootedness in living the mission Christ entrusted to the Church. In general terms, sin is moving away from life in Christ to our own ways. The relationship of Christians to Christ and his Church is begun in Baptism. Christians understand this baptismal relationship as a covenant between God and his people. Every Sunday, we participate in word and Eucharist to renew our ecclesial relationship to the Triune God. While God is always faithful, human beings are not. We can stumble, fall, or even turn our back to God. One of the parables Jesus tells in Luke's account of the Gospel is of the prodigal son. A son of a rich man receives his inheritance from his father. After spending the inheritance, he returns home, ashamed. Jesus' parable states, "But while he [the son] was far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him." The father says, "This son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" (Luke 15:20, 24). Just as was the father in this parable, so too our God and Father is always waiting for us to turn closer to God. Like ashes, and the son, God invites us to move closer to the life he offers in Jesus the Christ. This is discipleship: living the mission Christ entrusted to the Church.

Ashes are signed with the cross — a symbol of the life of discipleship. Just as the palm branches died, withered, and eventually burned to form the cross on our foreheads, so too we die to self to turn to the ways of Christ that are life-giving.

Ashes are like the dust of the earth. The Latin word for earth or dirt is *humus*, and is the same root for humility. To be humble is not to exalt oneself, but another, namely Christ. During the distribution of ashes, one of two phrases may be proclaimed while ashes are signed on foreheads. "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return." As "dust," we are to be humble by faithfully "putting on Christ" and living the mission Christ entrusted to the Church to which we belong. The other phrase, "Repent and believe in the Gospel" is more obvious in its implications. During Lent and throughout our lives, we are constantly called by God to turn to life in Christ through the power of the Spirit. Antiphon 1 on Ash Wednesday states: Let us change our garments to sack cloth and ashes, / let us fast and weep before the Lord, / that our God, rich in mercy, might forgive our sins. Though we may squander the gifts God constantly gives to us, ashes express our need to turn to the God of mercy, compassion, and peace.

All Are Invited to a ...

MORNING OF PRAYER

Sponsored by St. Patrick's Men's Club

SATURDAY, MARCH 4th

9:00 am—12 Noon

Day concludes with the Noon Mass

The day starts with a light breakfast at 9:00 am. Following breakfast, **Seminarian Paulo** will lead us with a talk and discussion. The day will conclude with Mass at Noon.

If you're interested in attending, please leave your name at the Rectory (718-238-2600).

2024 Diocesan

Lenten Pilgrimage

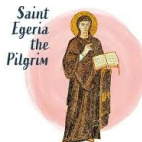
February 14th to March 27th



Take a pilgrimage to parishes throughout the Diocese of Brooklyn this Lenten season. The pilgrimage invites people to visit a different parish each day, except Sundays, during Lent. This year, thirty-nine parishes are designated for specific days on the itinerary.

Plan your pilgrimage TODAY! For details and a list of designated station Churches... Visit: dioceseofbrooklyn.org/lent

Eucharist



Another of the names used by the early Church for their Sunday gathering is *Eucharist*. Like the word *liturgy*, *Eucharist* also comes from the Greek, in this case from the Greek word for thanksgiving: *eukharistia*. We find it used in this way in one of the earliest Christian writings, known as *The Didache*, which was written before the end of the first century.

The spirit of the early community's prayer was so filled with a sense of thanksgiving that it eventually took that as its name. In marking the death and Resurrection of Jesus, they simply gave thanks. The fruits of their commemoration—which St. Justin the Martyr said were the bread and wine "eucharistified" (made into the Holy Eucharist)—were sent after the celebration to those unable to participate.

That predominant spirit of thanksgiving should instruct us today. Do I try to come early on Sundays (or weekdays) so I can spend time being mindful of what I am thankful for? How or why am I thankful for Christ Crucified and Risen? If someone encountered me on the way to the celebration of the Eucharist, would they suspect I was going to a ritual that is marked by thankfulness?

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St. Patrick Catholic Academy

Catholic Schools Week kicked off with a lot of fun for our faculty and students! We started the week with Mass on Sunday and an Open House that followed. On Monday we held our annual Teacher Mix-up and Literary Character Dress-up Day. We ended the week with the Theater Club performances. What a week!



Literary Character Dress-up Day was so much fun! Can you guess which characters our students were? Faculty joined in on the fun as well!

Teacher Mix-up brought our Eighth Grade back to Kindergarten for first period. They painted snowmen with Ms. Fitzgerald. Our Nursery class traveled to 8th Grade with Ms. O'Neill. The students loved swapping places!



Congratulations to the cast and crew of the Theater Club on their performances of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat*! Our students did an amazing job singing and acting on stage. Most students were in 4th -6th grade. We could not be prouder!

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.

St. Patrick Catholic Academy Fundraiser



St. Patrick Catholic Academy is selling **Katie Reilly's Irish Soda Bread and Scone Mix**, a delicious, authentic Irish Soda Bread and Scone Mix that takes the guess work out of baking, for \$15.00 per bag.

To place an order, email of Venmo HAA—please include name, grade (if applicable) and quantity.