



# THE CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK

## BAY RIDGE, BROOKLYN



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Rev. Brian P. Dowd

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Rev. Michael F. Falce

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### SEMINARIAN

Mr. Paulo Salazar

### STAFF

Mrs. Marilee Fitzgerald.....Parish Secretary

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

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

Mr. Angel (Manny) Sales..... Facility Manager

### 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: 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 18, 2024**

**First Sunday of Lent**

**Everyday Stewardship**

**Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments**

When I was a teenager, the experience of Catholic retreat basically changed my life. I wasn't lost or hurting, but the 3 days placed me on a path that led to where I am today. Certainly, my experiences of faith before and after that weekend also played a role in the person I have become. However, the power of God I felt in that short period of time had such a profound effect on me it became a type of lens through which I then came to see the rest of my life.

Sometimes we need to get away from it all to realize what really matters in life. We step back and see things more clearly. When we are fully in the world it is hard to get past the busyness and constant noise of modern existence. Distractions are all around us and our attention span can be so limited when it comes to truth.

This Lent, find the time to slow down, to get away from it all, and to rest in the peaceful arms of God. Go to the desert and work on surrendering all you are, and have, and will be to Jesus. Reflect on the many gifts you have been given and discern the best ways to cultivate those for God's glory. As this season begins, be mindful of the fact that this time will never come again. There might be a Lenten season next year, but God is calling you 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 17th, Saturday, Vigil, First Sunday of Lent

4:30 pm Michael F. Scally  
Gena Graff  
Mary Mann (*Anniversary*)  
Orsola DeLuca  
William Keogh  
Catherine & John Collins  
Janice Brennan  
**For the intentions of....**  
The People of the Parish  
Maryann Guzman and Family  
Private Intentions  
Miraculous Medal Intentions

## February 18th, First Sunday of Lent

8:00 am Meg Palao  
9:30 am Lauren LoPresti  
11:00 am Ann Owen  
12:30 pm For the intentions of...  
Sabine Catellano Debreull  
5:00 pm Harry Gillen (*Birthday Memorial*)

## February 19th, Monday, Lenten Weekday

12 Noon Angela & Nicholas Proscia

## February 20th, Tuesday, Lenten Weekday

8:15 am Christopher Marulli (*Birthday Memorial*)  
12 Noon Antoinetta Sicurella

## February 21st, Wednesday, Lenten Weekday

8:15 am William Greene  
12 Noon Lillian, Elizabeth and Andrew Danikow

## February 22nd, Thursday, The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

8:15 am Seamus Gray  
12 Noon Susan Murphy (*Birthday Memorial*)

## February 23rd, Friday, Lenten Weekday

8:15 am Sr. Margaret Sullivan (*3rd Anniversary*)  
12 Noon For the intentions of...  
Sr. Joseph Marie Robert (*Happy Birthday*)

## February 24th, Saturday, Lenten Weekday

12 Noon Lucille Rubino



**Monday, February 19th is  
President's Day**

**The Rectory Offices will be closed**

**12 Noon Only Mass of the Day**  
There will not be an 8:15 am Mass



## The Bread and Wine

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

**Elizabeth Mary Salhany**  
**Happy 3rd Birthday!**

**Gift of: Grandma and Grandpa**



Our Catechumen and Candidates are beginning the final stage of their journey toward completing their reception of the Sacraments of Initiation.

Please keep them, their sponsors and catechist in your prayers this Lent.

Catechumen  
**Arianna Santucci**

Candidates  
**Joshua Cosme**  
**Carmen Saffioti**



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

**WEEK ONE:** Caroline Beisswanger,  
Louise Cartwright, Rafael Vallejo,  
Jim Vaccario, Jim McCormack,

Lois Murray, Cathy Ryan, James Gorayeb,  
Helen Gorayeb, Matthew James, Felipo Sarubbi,  
Dennis Cristello, Roger Santos, Margaret Buckley,  
Joyce Saraceni

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

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



**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.



# 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 Patrick and Saint Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church**  
Dinner and a Show, featuring the Rhapsody Players.  
See ad below.

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.**



Join us in Celebrating  
**Two Great Saints**  
Our Patron, St. Patrick  
and St. Joseph,  
Patron of the Universal Church

**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 Ala Vodka, Chicken Parmigiana, Sausage & Peppers, Eggplant Rollatini, Irish Soda Bread, St. Joseph's Pastries, coffee and tea

(Beer, Wine and Soda will be available for sale)

**\$35.00 per person**

Checks payable to St. Patrick Church

**RVSP By March 8, 2024**

## 175th Anniversary Year Feast Day Mass



**Sunday, March 17th**  
**12:30 pm**

**Main Celebrant: Bishop Sanchez**



LUCK OF THE IRISH

## Our 175th Anniversary Year

**SPRING INTO SUMMER**  
**50/50 RAFFLE**

**Tickets go on sale in March!**

*In honor of our Patron Saint, Patrick, all tickets purchased in March will be buy one/get one FREE!*

**MARCH (only) TICKET PRICES!**

**2 FOR \$5/6 for \$10/10 for \$15/and \$25 will buy you two full pages!**

## Great Musical Entertainment by



Featuring songs of  
the  
60's, 70's and 80's

**Plus Irish & Italian Favorites!**

### For Reservations (Required)

Complete the following information and bring it, with \$35.00 per ticket, to the rectory or put it in an envelope marked: ST PAT/ST JOE Celebration and drop it in the collection basket.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
# of TICKETS: \_\_\_\_\_



## Do you have a favorite recipe for Irish soda bread?

The Knights of Columbus  
Christopher Council 4257  
Is sponsoring the

### 2024 Irish Soda Bread Bake-off

**Sunday, March 10th**  
**8am to 12pm**  
**Rectory Meeting Room**

**Pick up an entry form**

*available at all entrances to the Church and in the rectory*

**To enter to win bragging rights for a full year and an Amazon Gift Card**

**In addition to *Bragging Rights*, the top three winners receive Amazon Gift Cards.**

**Breads will be judged by Parishioners attending Hospitality Sunday, March 10th!**

# Participating in Lent as a Family

Greetings! The Lenten disciplines of **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving** provide an opportunity to reflect more deeply on our relationships with God and one another. Through such reflection, we can remove obstacles so that we may grow in love.

Often, each family member chooses Lenten practices on their own, but your family might want to decide how to **pray, fast, and give alms** as a unit.

If you struggle to find time to pray together, it can be helpful to block space on your electronic calendar and set a reminder. What time is the best time to pray? Any time that you can consistently commit to it. Saying grace before meals reminds us that all gifts come from God. Over dinner, parents and children can talk about where they see God's presence in their day. After dinner, a shared reading of Scripture, with each family member reading a verse in turn, offers a chance to listen to God's Word together. You might ask children, "What did you hear?" or "Did you hear anything that surprised you?"

## Families can make a point of taking time out for prayer and reading Scripture together.

Through the things that are noticed, we can reflect on how God is working in our lives.

In our family, I pray with each child one-on-one before bed. You may have noticed that children bring up concerns, worries, and insights at bedtime. This reflective mood can inspire thoughtful prayer.

Lent can be a time to introduce your children to silence in their prayer life. Encourage small children to find silence by closing their eyes, taking slow breaths, and listening. A darkened space or a lit candle may help older children and teens achieve quiet. Even a minute or two of intentional silence can change the pace of the day.

Often a treat such as candy is given up during Lent, but your family might want to consider a fast from electronics. The family could decide together on an hour daily that is free of devices and limit or fast from social media. Replace the time spent with technology to be present to the people in the room.

As for almsgiving, many agencies provide ways to share what you have with those in need. Alternately, you can choose one work of mercy and incorporate it into your family life. Working to bear wrongs patiently, for example, would benefit many families.

These practices—and many others—can help us to grow in holiness during the season of Lent. When they are added to the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and the Eucharist, they provide an annual opportunity to reflect on what holds us back in our relationships with God and one another. By working to remove these obstacles, we prepare ourselves to celebrate the Resurrection with great joy!

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### All Are Invited to a ...

### MORNING OF PRAYER

*Sponsored by St. Patrick's Men's Club*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2nd**

**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).

Eucharistic



Adoration

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sundays during Lent

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



### Stations of the Cross Fridays during Lent

12:30 pm (following Noon Mass)  
7:00 pm (English)  
7:30 pm (Spanish)  
**Good Friday, March 29th**  
7:00 pm



### ALMSGIVING

During Lent we are called up to do a number of actions, among them Almsgiving. Helping the **St. Vincent de Paul, Parish Food Pantry** is a way of fulfilling this. Each week during Lent we 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 2 – February 25<sup>th</sup> – Rice**

### 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.

## 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](http://dioceseofbrooklyn.org/lent)



**St. Patrick's is one of the designated station parishes**  
**Our date is Wednesday, March 13th.**

8:15 am	Mass
9:00 am	Rosary
10:00 am	Stations of the Cross
12 Noon	Mass
12:30 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
3:00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet
5:00 pm	Benediction

## 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.

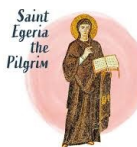
**RSVP to Juan Rodriguez**  
Phone: 718-238-2600 x 32177  
Email: [saintpatrickpsr@gmail.com](mailto:saintpatrickpsr@gmail.com)



### 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.

**Orders due by February 21st.**



## St. Egeria the Pilgrim

### Communion

Communion was at the heart of the first Christians' weekly celebration of the Lord's death and Resurrection. The word, from the Latin, means "in union with." Even though they prayed daily in the synagogue, Jesus' early followers soon discovered that they had less and less in common with their Jewish family and friends. Their belief in Jesus as Lord and their celebration of the Sunday Eucharist focused their hearts and minds on the new community of the Church.

The essence of the Sunday celebration is communion: union with those gathered at the altar, union with those who share the same beliefs, union with the burgeoning scattered Christian communities, union with the heavenly realm, union with the Holy Trinity. While the word has rarely been used for naming the Sunday celebration, Catholics know that such a treasured fruit of the celebration is the reception of Holy Communion. So important is this thrust to unity and communion, the Church uses it to name the very Body of Christ.

The goal of communion should not be taken lightly. While the world around us might exploit every chance to divide us we, like the first Christians, should glory in being united in Christ.

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### Altered by the Holy Spirit Lenten Prayer 2024

**St. Anselm Church**  
**March 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th**  
**7:00 pm**

March 6, "The Law and the Prophets"  
March 13, "The Hour and the Lord's Voice"  
March 20, "Enduring Faith and Resilience in Christ"  
March 27th, "Resisting Betrayal"

**Come, and Bring a Friend!**



### Deanery Brooklyn 9

### Youth Prayer & Praise Service with Benediction

**Thursday, March 14th**  
**7:00 to 8:00 pm**  
**St. Ephrem Church**  
*(2024 Diocesan Pilgrimage designated Parish)*

**All are welcome!**



## St. Patrick Catholic Academy

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

Teen Club is a tradition at St. Patrick's that our students look forward to every year. Students in grades 6 through 8 have snacks, relax and play engaging games with their friends. Games include cornhole, pool and ping pong. Students also participate in team building games like basketball, volleyball and hockey.



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) !

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