



# 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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## 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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**March 10, 2024**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**Everyday Stewardship**

**Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments**

### Awake, O Sleeper!

This morning came a little earlier than I would have liked — Daylight Savings Time always does. Sometimes that morning sunlight seems more intrusive than illuminating. You're still half-lost in sleep, and that sun is demanding of you a lot more than you're ready to give.

I've said it, and I'm sure you've said it, too. "Just five more minutes." You hit the "snooze" button on your iPhone once (maybe twice? Show of hands?) and turn away from the window.

So many kings of the Old Testament were steadfast in their sleepy ways, rejecting the light their God tried to share with them. Likewise, John tells us that, though Light — Christ — was sent into the world, the world preferred darkness.

Sometimes it seems, when reading through Scripture, that all throughout salvation history, God has been trying to pull back the curtains, to rouse us from our defiant slumber. And we resist Him. Time and time again, we resist Him.

Light brings a certain responsibility with it. It seems to compel productivity. Furthermore, there's no hiding in the light. Any photographer worth his salt knows how to manipulate it, highlighting the good and casting some merciful shade on the bad.

As we enter into the fourth week of Lent, we're getting so close to the main event. Can we handle the light that will come on Easter morning, bursting into the tomb as the stone is rolled away? Can we keep ourselves from hitting the "snooze" button on our souls, and sit up to face the dawn of a new day?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © LPI

# 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.

## March 9th, Saturday, Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Lent

4:30 pm James J. Mullen (*Birthday Memorial*)  
Gena Graff  
Lauren LoPresti  
John J. Calleja (*8th Anniversary*)  
Salvatore LoBuglio  
Robert Grabowski  
Esther Santana  
Ernesto Fedukovitch  
Joseph Lam  
Jennifer Galloway  
Anthony Nunziata  
**For the intentions of...**  
The People of the Parish  
Providencia Castro Gilbride  
Maryann Guzman and Family

## March 10th, Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 am Fay Tizio (*Birthday Memorial*)  
9:30 am Lauren Lo Presti  
11:00 am Deceased members of the Piazza Families  
12:30 pm James Bennett  
5:00 pm Patrick Morgan (*Birthday Memorial*)

## March 11th, Monday, Lenten Weekday

8:15 am Gena Graff  
12 Noon Ronald J. Potter, M.M.

## March 12th, Tuesday, Lenten Weekday

8:15 am Jerome Kniejski  
12 Noon Susan Guerra

## March 13th, Wednesday, Lenten Weekday

8:15 am Ana Maria Cotto  
12 Noon Julie Martin

## March 14th, Thursday, Lenten Weekday

8:15 am Elizabeth Marulli (*Birthday Memorial*)  
12 Noon Brenda Mereu (*Birthday Memorial*)

## March 15th, Friday, Lenten Weekday

8:15 am The Ward Family  
12 Noon Deceased members of the Proscia and Policastro Families

## March 16th, Saturday, Lenten Weekday

12 Noon For the intentions of Virginia Lauriello

## Sacred Silence

Observing silence in the body of the church before Mass allows all in attendance to dispose themselves to carry out the sacred action in a devout and fitting manner. **Maintaining silence** within the body of the church after Mass allows an atmosphere of prayer that is conducive and appropriate to private prayer after Mass.



## 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.



## The Sanctuary Lamp

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

**Donald O'Connor**

*Gift of: His daughter, Joan Meinet*



## The Altar Candles

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

**Isabelle Tayar**

*Gift of: Veronica Tizio*



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

**WEEK ONE:** Caroline Beisswanger, Margaret Buckley, Louise Cartwright,

Rafael Vallejo, Cathy Ryan, Jim McCormack, Lois Murray, James Gorayeb, Helen Gorayeb, Matthew James, Felipe Sarubbi, Roger Santos, Joyce Saraceni

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

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



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

**Frances Jordan, John Hickman, Jim Vaccario**

*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.*



# Confirmation Retreat 2024



## St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church Confirmation

The following Confirmation students of our Academy & PSR made their Confirmation on Saturday, March 9th, 2024.

Samantha Amato  
Zachery Andrechik  
James Brady  
Antonio Caggiano  
Valentina Carnevali  
Ethan Carrique  
Jake Carrizo  
Matthew Castro  
Ryan Colgan  
Pietro Cucuzza  
Maria D'Acerno

Hugh Fina  
Ryan Heslin  
Peter Ilardi  
Stella Intervallo  
Matthew Keenan  
Matthew Losquadro  
Isabella Lubrano  
Colin Lucey  
Emmet Lynch  
Zoey Maiorana  
Max Mattock

Jessie Navarro  
Cassidy Piazza  
Tristan Rivera  
Sean Rueter  
Maeve Ryan  
Tiernan Sinisi  
Lyla Tarasco  
Juliana Trani  
Ronan Traynor  
Kevin Young



We pray during this Season of Lent that our teens will be protected, supported, and strengthened by God's grace.  
*St. Patrick, Pray for us!*

# The Holy Oils

By: Kristopher W. Seaman

Many of us well know the story of the Lord's calling and anointing David as king. Having been told that one of Jesse's sons was to be the king, Samuel went to Bethlehem. When the eighth of Jesse's sons was presented to Samuel, the Lord said, "Rise and anoint him." In the Old Testament, those whom God called to be kings, priests, and prophets were anointed with an oil that was to be regarded as "holy to the Lord" (Exodus 30:37).

For Christians, anointing is significant because it is closely tied to who Christ is. Christos is the Greek word for the Hebrew messiah. Both words mean "anointed one." Jesus as the Christ is anointed by God, that is, he is the perfect embodiment of God's purpose and mission. He is the perfect Priest, Prophet, and King. In Baptism, Christians share in Christ's perfect identity as God's Son. We hear in the Rite of Baptism for Children, "He now anoints you with the chrism of salvation, so that, united with His people, you may remain for ever a member of Christ who is Priest, Prophet, and King."

During Holy Week or shortly before, the bishop of a diocese gathers with his priests and some of the laity to bless the oils for the sick and catechumens and to consecrate the chrism. This is indeed a rich liturgy.

The first oil to be blessed is the oil for the sick. The prayer of blessing recalls Christ's ministry of healing the sick. The Holy Spirit is invoked upon the oil so that all those anointed will be healed in body, mind, and soul. The oil is principally used for the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Next, the oil for catechumens is blessed. Catechumens are those who are preparing to become Christians. This oil will be used, then, for catechumens as they journey toward Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. It is also used in the Baptism of infants. The prayer asks that those who are anointed will be strengthened in faith, grow in their understanding of the Gospel, and live more fully Christian discipleship.

The final oil, chrism, is a mixture of olive oil and balsam, a fragrance from the Holy Land. Chrism receives its name from Christ, as do we who are Christians, because we have been anointed with this oil. The prayer is quite rich as it recalls the song of David and the anointing of Aaron as priest; creation that brought forth the olive tree; and the dove that returned to Noah with an olive branch. Next, the prayer asks the Father to bless the oil so that those who are anointed with it might bear the image of Christ, be freed from sin, and share in eternal life. This oil is used for Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders, the sacraments that are not repeated. The oils are all used for the spiritual health of disciples so that as Christians journey deeper into faith, they might be healed from sin and live within and according to the loving, healing, and prophetic presence of Christ, whose name we bear and with whom we were anointed.



OIL OF THE SICK

OIL OF THE CATECHUMENS

SACRED CHRISM

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## St. Patrick's is one of the designated station parishes of the **2024 Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage**



**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

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

The St. Vincent de Paul Pantry Lenten Food Drive. Each week during Lent the St. Vincent de Paul Pantry will be asking you to bring a can or package of food to Mass on Sunday. They will be asking for different items each week.

**Week 5 – March 17th – Canned Stew**



## 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.





**TODAY IS  
HOSPITALITY SUNDAY**  
*Hot beverages, Irish Soda Bread,  
Donuts!*

Join us after the 8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:00 am  
and sample some of the Best Irish Soda Bread in  
Bay Ridge!

Then cast your vote for...

**ST. PATRICK'S BEST IRISH SODA BREAD!**

*Thank you to the Knights of Columbus, Christopher  
Council 4257 for sponsoring this month's  
Hospitality Sunday and providing the prizes for the  
Irish Soda Bread Bake-Off!*



**SPRING INTO SUMMER  
50/50 RAFFLE**

**One Lucky Winner will take  
home  
50% of all monies collected!**

**IT COULD BE YOU!**

**Flyers of tickets are available at all entrances  
to the Church, in the rectory office and on our  
parish website: [www.stpatrickbayridge.org](http://www.stpatrickbayridge.org)**

**YOU CAN'T WIN IT IF YOU'RE NOT IN IT!**

Tickets: \$5 ea/3 for \$10/5 for \$15/\$25 full page  
Drawing: Sunday, June 16, 2024



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Patrick**

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**Go n-eirí an t-ádh leat  
'That luck may rise with you!'**



**175th Anniversary Year  
Feast Day Mass**

Please join us for Mass celebrating our patron,  
Saint Patrick

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

**Main Celebrant: Bishop Sanchez**

Following the Mass ALL are invited to the  
Archway Room for coffee, tea and  
Homemade Irish Bread!



**St. Egeria the Pilgrim  
Introductory Rites**

The congregations among which we  
gather for Mass are diverse in age, sex,  
ethnicity, cultures, and outlooks. The Introductory  
Rites, both literally and figuratively, put everyone  
on the same page.

The Mass begins with singing the entrance  
chant/song. During the hymn or chant, the  
celebrant and other ministers process, genuflect  
before the Blessed Sacrament if it is reserved, and  
then reverence the altar with a kiss. The celebrant  
and the people make the Sign of the Cross  
together, and the celebrant greets the faithful,  
perhaps noting some theme of the Mass.

Then the Penitential Act, reminds all of us of  
our need for God's mercy. Through the *Kyrie  
Eleison* (Greek for "Lord, have mercy"), we make  
together our common petition. (During the season  
of Easter, the Rite of Blessing and Sprinkling of  
Water may replace the Penitential Act.) On Sundays  
outside the penitential seasons of Advent and Lent,  
the *Gloria* follows, echoing the angels' Christmas  
song and articulating the joy of praising the Triune  
God.

The Introductory Rites culminate in the  
Collect, where the celebrant voices the prayer  
proper for that day, uniting all those gathered and  
preparing us to hear the Sacred Scriptures  
proclaimed in the Liturgy of the Word that follows.

*Egeria Inserts are an endeavor of egeriathepilgrim.com*

Father Charles and Laurie Mangano  
*a brother & sister*

Present a

**Night of Recollection**

*An evening of song, inspiration and  
refection*



**Friday, April 5th  
7:30 PM**

**Topic: God's Mercy**

*Sooner would heaven and earth change into  
nothingness than would My Mercy not embrace a  
trusting soul.*

*— diary of St. Faustina*

**Are you longing to be set free, to be assured  
of the Lord's Infinite Love and Mercy for you...no  
matter how far you have strayed? Then this night is  
for YOU!**



**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*

Our Fifth Graders created religious slogans, based on slogans of popular brands, that would encourage others to think of God during Lent.



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