



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



March 17, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Everyday Stewardship

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

When Our Own Hour Comes

We parents know that it's tricky, tackling the topic of fear with our kids. We want them to know that it's okay to be scared, that it's something we all feel from time to time. We want them to understand that bravery isn't the absence of fear, but the choices we make in persevering despite that feeling.

Most of all, we want to model the right kind of behavior for our kids. Whatever our scary situation is — illness, a job loss, life changes — we want them to see us make a choice to face that fear head-on.

Jesus seems to be the parent who is gently broaching the topic of fear with his children. A great sense of foreboding hangs over these readings. Jesus knew what was coming. He knew it was going to be hard, both for him and for his followers, who did not have his courage. Even he admits to being “troubled” and he speaks of “the time of judgment.” There is the dramatic raising of Lazarus, the talk of how a grain of wheat must die in order to bear fruit, the depiction of Christ as an obedient student of his own suffering.

“Yet what should I say?” he asks them. ““Father, save me from this hour?” But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour.”

This week, Christ gives us a very parental gift: He shows us his fear, and he shows us how to conquer it. He challenges us to embrace the purpose for which we came to this hour — whatever that hour may hold.

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 16th, Saturday, Vigil, Fifth Sunday of Lent

4:30 pm Michael F. Scally
 Gena Graff
 Timothy Lynch
 Kitty Corkery
 Mary O'Flaherty
 Theresa Petruccio
 Thomas J. Fitzgerald, Jr.
For the intentions of....
 The People of the Parish
 Luke Pereira (*Happy Birthday!*)
 Michael Gilbride

March 17th, Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 am James & Josephine Kelly
 9:30 am Guiseppe Angelone
 11:00 am Frank S. Tilyou
 12:30 pm Alice & Luke Vaccacio
 5:00 pm Bradley Horan (*Birthday Memorial*)

March 18th, Monday, Lenten Weekday

8:15 am The Gray, Urabel and Rodier Families
 12 Noon Janet Fink

March 19th, Tuesday,

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15 am Sister Brigid Marie Crowe, C.S.J.
 12 Noon Frances Potter

March 20th, Wednesday, Lenten Weekday

8:15 am Edward & Danielle Tilyou
 12 Noon Michael Terlizzi

March 21st, Thursday, Lenten Weekday

8:15 am The Viti Family
 12 Noon Patrick J. Gallagher (*Birthday Memorial*)

March 22nd, Friday, Lenten Weekday

8:15 am Eileen Harrington (*Fourth Anniversary*)
 12 Noon Aileen & Carl Mariani

March 23rd Saturday, Lenten Weekday

12 Noon Arturo Soriano

Father Charles and Laurie Mangano
a brother & sister

Present a

Night of Recollection

An evening of song, inspiration and refecton

Friday, April 5th

7:30 PM

St. Patrick Catholic Academy Auditorium

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!**



The Bread and Wine

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

Patrick J. Gallagher

(*Birthday Memorial*)

Gift of: Eve R. Devinsky



The Sanctuary Lamp

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

Clare Gillen

Gift of: The Gillen Family



The Altar Candles

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

Clare Gillen

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

WEEK ONE: 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

WEEK TWO: James Gorayeb, Helen Gorayeb, Caroline Beisswanger, Cathy Ryan, Felipe Sarubbi, Jim McCormack, Margaret Buckley, Matthew James, Louise Cartwright, Roger Santos, Joyce Saraceni, Rafael Vallejo, Lois Murray

WEEK THREE: Baby Savannah, Veronica Diaz 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, Baby Charlotte



We pray for those who have recently died . . .

Michael DePalo

*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.

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.

This space will be used, bi-weekly, to delve into our parish's history.

1861-1891

Father John Tanzer was appointed Pastor in the month of December 1861 during the time of the American Civil War. He recognized the importance of a religious education and referred to the reasoning expressed by Monsignor Mc Devitt of Philadelphia, Pa:

"All morality is founded in God, and the very moment you put God aside in the education of your children, that moment you undermine the principles of morality."

In 1863, Father John Tanzer established a school in a white shingled bungalow at 417 97th Street formerly named Church Street. The wood framed building consisted of three classrooms and a fourth room for the sexton. The teachers were probably lay volunteers. The first Catholic school in the area flourished despite the hardships of the Civil War.

Around 1875 Father Tanzer began and accumulated funds for a real parish school to replace the original frame building. A permanent brick building was dedicated and in use by 1877. He brought the Sisters of Saint Dominic to take charge of the School. Sister Regina Herbert was the first superior. In 1878 Father Tanzer completed a convent for the Sisters. Father John Tanzer passed on after thirty years of rectorship at Saint Patrick.



St. Patrick School Building in the late 1800's



175th Anniversary Year Feast Day Mass

Please join us for Mass celebrating
our patron, Saint Patrick

12:30 pm Today

Main Celebrant: Bishop Sanchez

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



The 2024 Irish Soda Bread Bake-Off was a tremendous success!

ALL the breads were delicious!

Thank you to all our participants, and all the parishioners who came out to vote for our winners!

Congratulations to the Winners

1st Place: Jason Perry
2nd Place: Theresa Deady
3rd Place: Ann Tighe

Once again we would like to thank the **Knights of Columbus, Christopher Council 4257**, for sponsoring this event and for providing the prizes.

Special thanks to the members of our **Hospitality Ministry**, this event wouldn't have been a success without your help and thoughtful presence.



LUCK OF THE IRISH

SPRING INTO SUMMER 50/50 RAFFLE

**2 FOR 1 SALE
IN HONOR OF OUR PATRON,
SAINT PATRICK**

MARCH (only) TICKET PRICES!
**2 FOR \$5/6 for \$10/10 for \$15/and \$25 will
buy you two full pages—**

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

**We will not have in person sales on
Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday.**

*To take advantage of the 2 for 1 sale; tickets may
be dropped off or mailed to the rectory or placed in
the collection basket by March 31st.*



The 29th Annual BAY RIDGE ST. PATRICK DAY PARADE Sunday, March 24th Step-off 1:00 pm

St. Patrick Parish will host the
pre-parade Mass at 9:30 am on Sunday, March 24,
2024.

Why Is the Day Christ Died Called "Good" Friday?

Greetings! You may have noticed that children are sometimes startled when they learn that we call the day that Christ suffered and died "Good" Friday. How can anything as horrifying as Jesus' suffering and Death possibly be "good?" To understand this description of the day Christ died, it is helpful to know that as far back as 1290, the days the Church considered holy were called "good." Our Orthodox brothers and sisters refer to Good Friday as "the Holy and Great Friday." In Germany, the day is referred to as "Sorrowful Friday" (Karfreitag).

Without Good Friday, we cannot receive the joy of Easter



Why do we, in the English-speaking world, continue to speak of a day in which we recall the whipping, torturing, and Death of Jesus as "good"?

We call this dark day "good" because with the suffering that is part of it came God's gift to us. As Catholics, we believe that in the mystery of our Lord's Death and Resurrection is the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. This day was good for us. It is the day that we were set free.

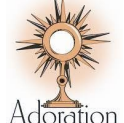
So much of what we experience in these holy days leading up to Easter is paradoxical—things that seem contradictory are held as true. In the Cross, suffering and forgiveness meet. In Jesus, we encounter the one who was God and human. As we journey with Jesus to Easter, we experience that the Second Person of the Trinity "was" but also "is." In his surrender to God's will, we see strength.

We can reflect as families on the paradox of calling this day "good." Are there times that we have experienced darkness but also light? If we read the Beatitudes, we see that things are not always what they seem. The poor, the meek, the suffering are the ones who triumph in the end. Without Good Friday, we cannot receive the joy of Easter.

Without Good Friday, God's plan would not have been accomplished. The prophet Isaiah notes the mystery in God's work when he says, "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, my thoughts higher than your thoughts." Good Friday invites us to dwell in the mystery of the paradox of God.

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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

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

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 6 – March 24th – Canned Tomato Sauce



Easter Flowers

Envelopes are available at the entrances to the church for anyone wishing to make a donation in *Loving Memory* or *in honor of a loved one* or *In Thanksgiving*. Donations may be dropped in the collection basket.



Palm Sunday

March 24th

Regular Mass Schedule

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament follows the 12:30 Mass concluding with Benediction at 4:30 pm

On Palm Sunday there will be a special second collection for Your Easter Gift to Your Parish. Many of St. Patrick's parishioners give very generously at Easter time and for this we **Thank you.**

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3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Holy Thursday

March 28th

9:00 am—Morning Prayer

7:30 pm—Mass of the Lord's Supper

Visits to the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00 pm.

Good Friday

March 29th

9:00 am—Morning Prayer

3:00 pm—Solemn Service of the Passion with Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion

7:30 pm - Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday

March 30th

9:00 am—Morning Prayer

Easter Vigil

7:30 pm

Easter Sunday

March 31st

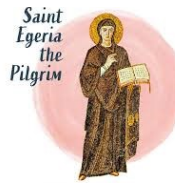
Easter Sunday Masses

8:00 am, 9:30 am

11:00 am and 12:30 pm

There will not be a 5 pm Mass on Easter Sunday

On Easter Sunday, there will be a special Second Collection for the **St. John Vianney Fund**, for the support of senior priests. Please prayerfully consider what your gift will be.



St. Egeria the Pilgrim

Palm Sunday of The Passion of the Lord

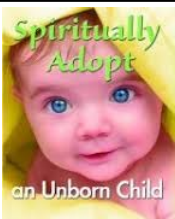
As its lengthy name suggests, the first day of Holy Week has two foci: the Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem and his sacrificial passion and death for our salvation. Unique introductory rites draw our attention to the former while the Liturgy of the Word narrates the latter.

Ideally, the faithful gather outside the church, where the palm and olive branches are blessed before reading a gospel account of Christ's entry into Jerusalem. Then the congregation processes to the church, singing hymns and waving their branches. The celebrant wears red, symbolic of Christ's Precious Blood.

The Liturgy of the Word focuses on Christ's passion, first through Isaiah's Suffering Servant song, Psalm 22, and the beautiful kenosis (emptying out) hymn from Paul's Letter to the Philippians, then through the passion account of Matthew, Mark, or Luke (John is always read on Good Friday). For better appreciation of such a lengthy reading, which from the Middle Ages was often chanted/sung, it has traditionally been divided into three parts: *Christ, Narrator*, and *Voice*. Today, the *Voice* includes an exclusive role for the congregation.

Holy Week should be observed like no other week, at church, home, school, work, or play. There should be a mindfulness and solemnity fitting the importance of the mystery we celebrate.

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A Message from Your Spiritually Adopted Child

Fifth Month

Thanks to your prayers, we are halfway there!

This month marks the 1/2 way mark to my birthday! I am starting to develop sleep habits which are not always the same as mommy's. When mommy is moving around I sleep just fine, but, when mommy sits down to rest I get all fidgety. And since I am getting bigger (I am a whole twelve inches long now) mommy can feel me move around. Today she felt me kick!

Thank you for praying for mommy and me. Please keeping pray for us! I love you!

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of not being born. Amen.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Intercessor of the Unborn, pray for us.



St. Patrick Catholic Academy

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

Our Second and Eighth Graders grew stronger in their Catholic faith. The Second Grade received the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation for the first time. The Eighth Grade received the Sacrament of Confirmation. We are so proud of all our students. Thank you to all who shared this special day with our students! Special thanks to Bishop Massa, Father Dowd, Father Falce, Father Peter, Ms. Curatolo, Mrs. O'Neill, Ms. Stella and our students' families.



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