



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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March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

A Happy Ending Isn't the Whole Story

"Is there a happy ending?"

When my kids were young, we never made it past the first whiff of any narrative tension before I got this question. As soon as whatever princess or furry woodland animal who was the hero of the story got into any small scrape, they wanted that reassurance, "Is there a happy ending?"

I can't say I blame them. Don't we all feel that way sometimes? We enter into a relationship with someone or some situation, and we just want to protect ourselves. We want to know it's not going to go badly — or, if it does, that we will be able to come back from it. It's a human instinct, a reflex. Our inclination to protect ourselves makes it so that we sometimes want to press fast-forward on the bad stuff and skip straight ahead to the happily-ever-after.

Easter is the ultimate happy ending. It's the day of miracles. The day when all the stones roll away and all the sins are forgiven. It's the day that puts everything right.

But if we learned anything from this week — from the Passion and death of the Lord — it's that we can't press fast-forward on the hardships of life. That tension, that loss, that fear — it's crucial, isn't it? As Catholics, we are who we are because of Easter. But Easter doesn't happen without Good Friday.

So, does the story of salvation have a happy ending? We know it does. But we also remember that the ending isn't all that matters.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



March 29th, Saturday, Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of the Lord

7:30 pm Easter Novena
People of the Parish

March 31st, Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of the Lord

8:00 am Easter Novena
9:30 am Easter Novena
11:00 am Easter Novena
12:30 pm Easter Novena

April 1st, Monday within the Octave of Easter

12 Noon Easter Novena and
Kathleen O'Donnell (1st Anniversary)

April 2nd, Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

8:15 am Easter Novena and
Joan Nelson (4th Anniversary)
12 Noon The Scally Family

April 3rd, Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

8:15 am John Sullivan (Birthday Memorial)
12 Noon Easter Novena and
Tamara Piazza

April 4th, Thursday within the Octave of Easter

8:15 am Marie Doumar
12 Noon Easter Novena and
James & Frances Huott

April 5th, First Friday Friday within the Octave of Easter

8:15 am Manuel V. Herrera (Birthday Memorial)
12 Noon Purgatorial Society

April 6th, Saturday within the Octave of Easter

12 Noon James Godfrey

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

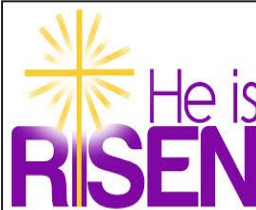
St. Patrick Catholic Academy Auditorium

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!**



Easter is not one day
or one solemnity, it is a
new season of grace
and a time of joy and
thanksgiving, — it is a
fifty day celebration.

The Easter Season which began at sunset
last night, will end on **Pentecost Sunday**, May
19th, the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy
Spirit and the birth of the Church. It is a
season of grace and a time of joy and
thanksgiving. It is a time to rejoice and
experience what it means when we say Christ is
risen.

St. Patrick's Parish

Invites all children of the Parish
to our

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 7th

12:30 pm

On the Rectory Lawn

Bring you own Basket!



Divine Mercy

**The message of Divine Mercy Devotion calls
people to a deeper understanding that
God's love is unlimited and available to
everyone.**

On Sunday, April 7th we will celebrate
The Feast of Divine Mercy with a Holy Hour
that will include Benediction and Recitation of
the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 pm in the
Church.



"EASTER GIFT TO OUR PARISH".

Our annual
budget depends on a
generous contribution to the
Church from all of our
parishioners. Envelopes are
available at the doors of the
Church. Remember, God will
never be outdone in generosity to each and
everyone of you!



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.

1893-1904

Father John G. Fitzgerald was assigned to the pastorate in 1893 and remained for eleven years. At that time, the entire plant of St. Patrick needed repair and renovation. The exterior of the wood framed church building was renovated with replacement boards and then painted. The renovated church interior included new pews and windows with two side altars dedicated to the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph.

Father Fitzgerald replaced the rectory that was heavily damaged by fire. The new building was erected between 1894 and 1896 at a cost of \$12,000. He also replaced the school with a two-story brick building costing \$30,000.

Father Fitzgerald with his two assistants Fr. Jeremiah Kent and Fr. Peter Matthews established the Holy Name Society for Men, The Blessed Virgin Sodality for young women and The Angels Sodality for young girls.



THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY



THE BLESSED VIRGIN SODALITY

The Spirit of Lent and Easter is Alive and Well at St. Patrick's

The St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry would like to express their appreciation to all of the parishioners who observed the Lenten season through alms giving to the pantry to help those in need.



Shout out to **Bella Merolesi**, a teenager, who once again provided the Pantry with over **100 Easter Baskets** for the children of our clients.



SPRING INTO SUMMER 50/50 RAFFLE

Over \$ 4,000
collected as of March 26th

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

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



St. Patrick's Memorial Funds

The next time you wish to memorialize, honor or give thanks for a special friend or loved one, please remember St. Patrick's Memorial Fund. Gifts of Bread & Wine \$25; Altar candles \$25; candle used in the Sanctuary Lamp \$25 or Altar Flowers \$50 may be made in honor/memory or thanksgiving of your loved one. Arrangements can be made through the Rectory.



The Bread and Wine

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

Manuel V. Herrera

(Birthday Memorial)

Gift of: Eve R. Devinsky

Welcome to the Family of God

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



***Lucy Josephine McDonough
Eden Kayleigh-Marie Roland***



The Sanctuary Lamp

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

Jim Vaccacio

(Month's Mind)

Gift of: St. Patrick's Hospitality Team

Purgatorial Society, Newly Enrolled

***Stevan Adelhelm, Thomas Ginty,
Anne Geary, Bridget Hillet,
Joseph M. Mastandano, James Messina,
Eileen Parkes, Isabelle Tayar***



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.



The Paschal Candle

Is donated in loving memory of

***Timothy Drain and
Patricia Mulieri***

Gift of: Walter & Maureen Drain

The new Paschal Candle will be lit at the Easter Vigil. The candle remains in the church and is lit at every baptism and funeral mass throughout the year.



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

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

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

Clothing Drive



**Sunday, April 14, 2024
7:45 am to 12:30 pm**

The St. Vincent de Paul Truck will be in the front of the Church graciously accepting your donations of gently used and new clothing.

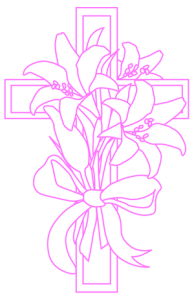
Please do not bring donations to the rectory before April 14th as we do not have the facilities to store them. Thank you.



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

John "Jack" D'Emic

*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.*



Our Easter Joy

**"Alleluia, He is risen,
Alleluia! Alleluia!"**

My parish community is blessed to have a fabulous music ministry. One of the highlights of our Easter Vigil is the moment the cantor and choir sing the "Alleluia" before the proclamation of the Gospel. The lights of the sanctuary are brightened, and our song is full, energized, and glorious. With the angels in heaven, we stand at God's throne and give thanks and praise: "Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"

During the season of Lent, we have fasted from this powerful word. The Church removes "alleluia" from our liturgies to remind us that we must be on a constant journey of transformation if we are to truly praise God and live in His Kingdom. Lent has reminded us that the Kingdom of God is, as theologians say, "already and not yet." It is already here, because Jesus Christ lived, taught, suffered, died, rose, and sent us His Spirit, establishing the Kingdom on earth. It is not yet because the world remains caught in webs of sin and deceit, and there are still places that have not heard the Good News. When we fast from singing with the angels in Lent, we remember our sinfulness, repent, and resolve to carry His message more fully. By letting go of this word, we hear it in fresh, new ways as we celebrate Christ's Resurrection and rededicate ourselves as "alleluia" people.

One of the wonderful practices of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is that of "burying the alleluia." The children in this faith formation program write the word "alleluia" and decorate it. They then place their artwork in a box, which is either literally buried in the ground or symbolically buried in a closet or another out-of-sight location. At Easter, the tomb is opened, and the "alleluia" is sung once again. This is a wonderful practice for families as well.

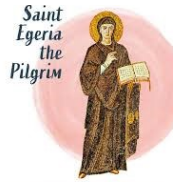
In this season, we can sing "alleluia" for our table grace. Consider using the setting from Mass to tie the faith and fellowship of our family dinner table to that of our parish community. When we're in the Sunday assembly, we can be the people who sing with the enthusiasm, confidence, and gusto this prayer deserves.

And always, let us reflect not only on how we can put the "alleluia" on our lips but in our lives.

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In celebration of
Easter
the rectory offices
will be closed on
Easter Monday,
April 1, 2024.



St. Egeria the Pilgrim

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Easter is the annual commemoration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. It is the most sacred day on the Christian calendar, celebrating one of our core Christian beliefs. While always on a Sunday, the Easter date varies, falling between March 22 and April 25. Easter in the Roman Catholic Church is always on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox.

The Easter Vigil is called by St. Augustine "the Mother of All Vigils," and Easter Sunday is the most sacred of all Sundays. The Easter Octave comprises its first eight days, the first to the second Sunday, where each day a different gospel account of the resurrection is proclaimed. The Easter season lasts fifty days, from Easter to Pentecost. It is the richest time of the church year, when we celebrate the Lord's resurrection from the dead, his ascension to the Father, and their bestowing of the Holy Spirit upon the infant Church at Pentecost.

The paschal candle (usually placed in the sanctuary near the pulpit) and baptismal font used during the Easter Vigil are central symbols of the season, while the rite of sprinkling of holy water often replaces the penitential act at Sunday Mass.

Egeria Inserts are an endeavor of egeriathepilgrim.com

Easter Duty

All Catholics are under a grave obligation to worthily receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist at least once a year, during the Easter Season. The Easter Season begins on Easter Sunday and continues until Pentecost Sunday. **Homebound and hospitalized parishioners** are welcome to contact the Rectory to arrange Communion calls.

"Easter water is a symbol of life, of the resurrection,"

You may bring your holy water bottles with you to Mass anytime over the Easter Season to re-fill with Easter water, which we will bless at the Easter Vigil.

Traditionally, Easter Water is sprinkled on family members and the rooms of homes while reciting a prayer such as the following special blessing: . . .

Father: Graciously hear us, Holy Lord, Almighty Father and Eternal God, that, even as You protected the homes of the Hebrew people leaving Egypt by means of the destroying angel; which homes were stained with the blood of a lamb (which prefigures our Pasch in which Christ was immolated); so may you in the same manner descend to send your holy angel from heaven that he may guard, foster, protect, visit, and defend all the inhabitants of this dwelling. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

HAA PRESENTS:

SPRING FLING

‘NIGHT OUT WITH FRIENDS’

FUNDRAISING EVENT

SATURDAY  FROM
APRIL 27 6PM - 10PM

BRING YOUR OWN FOOD AND DRINK
SPRING COCKTAILS WILL BE SOLD AT THE EVENT

COME ENJOY A NIGHT OF FUN, FRIENDS AND PRIZES!

TABLES(10 PEOPLE PER TABLE) **\$600**

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS **\$65** EACH

- VENMO @**SPCA-HAA** OR WRITE CHECK PAYABLE TO **SPCA HAA** TO PURCHASE TABLE(S) OR INDIVIDUAL TICKETS.
- INCLUDE GUEST NAMES AND AMOUNT OF TABLES OR TICKETS WITH PAYMENT. IF YOU DO NOT KNOW ALL NAMES AT TIME OF PURCHASE, EMAIL NOWF@STPATRICKCA.ORG BY DEADLINE.

ADMISSION TICKETS AND GUEST NAMES MUST BE PURCHASED
AND SUBMITTED BY **APRIL 12, 2024**.

RAFFLE TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE PRIOR TO EVENT.

**FLYERS WITH INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS
ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH**