



# THE CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK BAY RIDGE, BROOKLYN



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## RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

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## SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISM:** 2nd Saturday of the month at 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, 10:00 AM, 12 NOON 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 Noon Mass followed by Benediction at 4:30 pm

## ROSARY

### The Rosary is prayed in Church

Monday thru Friday 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



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**Sunday, August 18, 2024**

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Stewardship Reflection

Jesus said to the crowd, “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life...” We can hardly blame the crowd for their shock at this statement — eating the Flesh and drinking the Blood of our Lord should cause us a bit of a shock. Yet how easy it is to show up at Mass Sunday after Sunday, receiving the Eucharist as simply a part of a weekly routine.

If we really spent time contemplating the gift our Lord is offering us in this sacrament, we would be awestruck at the love and power in this gift. Through it, our Lord is giving us the very best He has to give — Himself. Not even the greatest theological scholar or the holiest of saints can fully understand this mystery.

Thankfully we don’t need to be a saint or a scholar to receive this gift. But we should do our best to receive the Eucharist with gratitude. And we can look to today’s readings to glean two fundamental principles for becoming better Christian stewards.

The Eucharist is the foundation for a stewardship way of life. Through His gift of the Eucharist, God fills us with His love and strength. This love and strength empower us to live as generous stewards — to be faithful to the ministries we serve in, joyful in material giving, and offer our very best to our families and secular work.

The Eucharist is the ultimate inspiration for a stewardship way of life. When we contemplate this gift of God, we will want to make a joyful return to Him. Mass will become anything but routine and we will live each day as His passionate disciples.

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# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



## August 17th Saturday, Vigil, 20th Ordinary Sunday

4:30 pm Gena Graff  
 Timothy Lynch and Betty Groenewegen  
 Nicholas Scotto  
 Francis O'Hara  
 Maureen Drain  
 William Shapiro  
 Roseann Ventura  
 And for the intentions of . . .  
 The People of the Parish  
 Sr. Joseph Marie Robert  
*(75th Anniversary of Vows)*

## August 18th Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am George Harbeck  
 10:00 am Maureen Drain  
 12:00 pm Regina Ann Cacciola  
 5:00 pm For the intentions of Patricia Giangrande

## August 19th Monday, Weekday

8:15 am For the intentions of . . .  
 Dorian & Gustavo Guzman and Family  
 12 Noon Mary Acosta

## August 20th Tuesday, St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

8:15 am For the intentions of . . .  
 Martha & Gustavo Guzman and Family  
 12 Noon Kathleen and Edward Whitty

## August 21st Wednesday, St. Pius X, Pope

8:15 am George Harbeck  
 12 Noon Matthew and John Duffy

## August 22nd Thursday, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15 am Norma Diamante *(8th Anniversary)*  
 12 Noon Brenda Mereu *(1st Anniversary)*

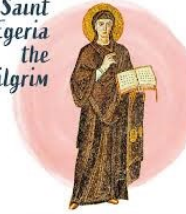
## August 23rd Friday, Weekday

8:15 am Dorothy Farrell  
 12 Noon George Harbeck

## August 24th Saturday, Weekday

12 Noon Helen Savage

Saint  
 Egeria  
 the  
 Pilgrim



## St. Egeria the Pilgrim

### The Chair for the Priest Celebrant

After exploring the altar and ambo, it's time to look at the place from which the liturgy is led. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 310 states:

"The chair of the Priest Celebrant must signify his function of presiding over the gathering and of directing the prayer. Thus the more suitable place for the chair is facing the people at the head of the sanctuary, unless the design of the building or other features prevent this: as, for example, if on account of too great a distance, communication between the Priest and the congregation would be difficult, or if the tabernacle were to be positioned in the center behind the altar. In any case, any appearance of a throne is to be avoided. It is appropriate that before being put into liturgical use, the chair be blessed according to the rite described in the Roman Ritual."

The US bishops, in their document about building churches, add: "An appropriate placement of the chair allows the priest celebrant to be visible to all in the congregation. The chair reflects the dignity of the one who leads the community in the person of Christ, but is never intended to be remote or grandiose. The priest celebrant's chair is distinguished from the seating for other ministers by its design and placement" (63).

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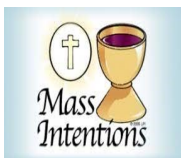


We the spirit-filled community of St. Patrick Parish, with profound love and compassion, witness our deep faith in Jesus Christ by worshipping God, serving the needs of God's people and bringing the Good News of Jesus to all. We seek to become ever more the welcoming face of Christ in our community.

### New Parishioners Welcome!

Our doors are open to welcome new parishioners into the family of St. Patrick Parish. Are you interested in enrolling in our parish? Maybe you have been attending Mass here at St. Patrick and have been considering becoming a registered parishioner. We welcome you!

To join our parish family, stop by the rectory during regular business hours or visit our website: [www.stpatrickbayridge.org](http://www.stpatrickbayridge.org).



The Mass Book  
 for January to July 2025  
 will be opened on Wednesday,  
 September 11th

Available Masses for the remainder of 2024

**ALL 4:30 pm Saturday Evening Vigil Masses –**  
 Multiple intentions taken.



## 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.

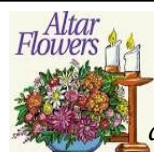


## The Bread and Wine

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

**Anita Dempsey**

**Gift of: The Dempsey Family**



## Altar Flowers

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

**Frances Clark**

**Gift of: Her loving family**



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

**WEEK ONE:** Bud Ahern, Viola-Cleo Bradshaw, Louise Guiliano, Hughie Yee, Michelle Luca, Doris Freyland, Alan Bruce Bradshaw, Mark Kaplan, Ann Marie Prunella, John Eulenid, Veronica Diaz, Cordelia Vogel, Patrick Anthony Smyth, Ethel Duffy, Elizabeth Fifield, Anthony C. Strano, Kathy Tyoka, Theresa Prunella, Jane Metzger, Shirley Perezic, Arthur Samuel, Cathy Ryan, Baby Charlotte, Baby Savannah, Jean Cucuzza, Nancy Cucuzza, Janice Friedman, Linda Gassoso, Ted Mootos

**WEEK TWO:** Agnes Elaine Grosso, Carol Lyons, Robin DeMattei, Erin Waring, James R. Mauro, Joseph Perri, Courtney Donohoe, Annie Olsen, Mitchell Kuddar, Danny Pokoluk, Louise Arias, Mark Draghi, Vinnie Maldarelli, Nicole Interlandi, John Plumber, Ray Wiederhold, Alvin Cornelius

**WEEK THREE:** Juliette Tooma, Anthony Amodeo, Caroline Beisswanger, Roger Santos, Gail Devitto, Maureen Freehill, Felipe Sarubbi, Margaret McLaughlin, Lois Murray, Mandly McCormack, Helen Gorayeb, James Gorayeb, Margaret Buckley, Matthew James, Elizabeth Samuel, Jim McCormack, Aileen Mariani, Joyce Saraceni, Rafael Vallejo, Louise Cartwright

Eucharistic



Adoration

## **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Following Sunday's 12:30 pm Mass**  
(unless otherwise noted in the bulletin)

*Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is not only a very old devotion in our Church, but one that highlights the fundamental mystery of the Holy Eucharist that our Lord is truly present, body and blood, soul and divinity, in the Blessed Sacrament.*

Exposition follows the 12 Noon Sunday Mass ending with Benediction and Reposition at 4:30 pm.



Homebound and hospitalized parishioners of St. Patrick Parish are welcome to contact the Rectory to arrange Communion calls.

Please leave a message and phone number so we can call you to schedule a visit.



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

**Paul Enright, Marie Lucarelli**

*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.*



**St. Patrick Bereavement Support Groups**

*You don't have to go through the grieving process alone*

The Bereavement Support Group will meet on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month beginning September 4th.

**Call the rectory for more information.**



**Crafting With Seniors returns on September 16th**

*If you thought arts and crafts activities were just for children, think again. Crafting is a hobby that people of all ages can enjoy, especially senior citizens.*

**Crafters meet on Monday afternoons at 12:30 pm in the Msgr. Parks Center**  
(Please use rear door)

Contact Eileen Bolger for more information . . .  
Home: 718-836-3459  
Cell: 718-864-2560  
Email: ebbolger@aol.com



## 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.

### 2004-2013

On February 5th, 2004, Bishop DiMarzio appointed Reverend Msgr. Joseph Nagle as Pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Bay Ridge, Brooklyn. On Sunday, March 21, 2004, at 12:30, Bishop Sullivan presided over the Liturgy of the Mass and installed Msgr. Joseph Nagle as Pastor of St. Patrick.

Msgr. Nagle re-introduced the Family Sunday Mass at 9:30 AM, oversaw the development of the Children's Ministry and implemented the Liturgy of the Word for Children. New apostolates were formed or revived at the parish; The Legion of Mary, the Divine Mercy Cenacles, the Fatima Apostolate and a Young Adults Ministry. A Chapter of Communion and Liberation was also meeting regularly at St. Patrick's. Alterations of the Sanctuary were planned by the newly formed Pastoral Planning Council and a new Tabernacle was placed directly behind the Altar in the center of the Sanctuary. Also, the Pastoral Council was to discern the mission and goals of the parish community.

In 2008 a strategic planning process had begun in the Diocese of Brooklyn called Preserving the Vision. That was an advisory committee composed of religious and lay people committed to Catholic education. Individuals on the committee were leaders in the Catholic faith, specialized educators, lawyers, marketing professionals, financial advisors and developmental specialists. Catholic elementary schools created multiple partnerships and were transformed into academies that included competent lay leadership in its governance. Msgr. Joseph Nagle and Mrs. Andrea D'Emic, Principal of St. Patrick's School, the diocesan leaders through Preserving the Vision initiative, formed an advisory board with St. Anselm's parish which ensured Catholic education at St. Patrick's Parish.



## Saint Patrick's 175th Anniversary!



**175th Anniversary Mass  
with Bishop Brennan  
Sunday, October 20th**

**175th Anniversary  
Gala Dinner Dance  
Russo's on the Bay  
Saturday, November 9th  
12:30 to 5:00 pm  
\$125 pp**

**RSVP by September 15th**

**Flyers are available at all entrances to the Church.**

**Round Trip Bus Transportation** will be available for \$35 pp. Call the rectory by September 15th to reserve your seat on the bus.

**The Commemorative Souvenir Journal** will include an extensive history along with photos that recall wonderful memories both past and present. We would be honored to have you join in making the Commemorative Souvenir Journal a success by including your message for this joyous occasion. Please submit your journal ad by September 1st. Forms are available at all entrances to the Church.

# St. Patrick's Parish School of Religion Faith Formation

Register Your Child for First Communion, Continual Faith Formation, Confirmation Classes for 2024-2025. Fees:

\$100 - 1 Child / \$130 - 2 Children / \$150 - 3 Children

Register Online by using the QR Code, use this quick form, or pick up a Registration Form at the Rectory Office. Please bring a copy of your child's Birth Certificate & Baptism Certificate



[www.StPatsPSR.org](http://www.StPatsPSR.org)



- **Are you a visitor to the church who's not Catholic but feels drawn to the Faith?**
- **Are you a baptized Catholic who's never received Communion or Confirmation?**
- **Are you a Catholic who just wants to know more about the Faith?**

If you answered "YES" to any of these questions you should consider participating in the RCIA process.

Beginning in September and culminating with the reception of the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil, the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** is a journey of faith – a journey toward a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

To register or for more information, contact the rectory. Phone: 718-238-2600  
Email: [parish@stpatrickbayridge.org](mailto:parish@stpatrickbayridge.org)



The parish of St. Patrick and St. Patrick Catholic Academy comply with all Safe Environment mandates set forth by the Diocese of Brooklyn and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

**Anyone in the Diocese of Brooklyn who has direct contact with children is required to follow the Safe Environment Mandates:**

- Attend a VIRTUS workshop: Protecting God's Children for Adults
- Sign a Code of Conduct
- Authorize a criminal background screening

**Further Requirements:**

- Continuing Education: All clergy and employees who have direct access to children are required to do continuing training, which is done online.
- Transfers: Anyone who transfers to a new parish or school must fill out a new background search and Code of Conduct form.
- High school aged volunteers have the option to attend either a VIRTUS workshop or complete an online teen safety course, Healthy Relationships.

## Career Opportunities



We are looking for candidates who lead by example to teach in our high performing school, St. Patrick Catholic Academy. Candidates must have at minimum a Bachelor's Degree and NYS Initial Certification.

### Open Positions

- Part-time Science Teacher Grades 6-8  
Includes teaching Regents Living Environment
- Part-time Science Teacher Grades 3-5

Please send resumes to Principal Kathleen Curatolo at [kcuratolo@stpatrickca.org](mailto:kcuratolo@stpatrickca.org)



## ITALY PILGRIMAGE

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If you or someone you know has a vehicle you wish to dispose of, please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 718-491-2525. (They pick up!)





## St. Patrick Catholic Academy

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

Interested in applying to St. Patrick Catholic Academy? Good news! Applications are being accepted for the 2024 - 2025 school year! Join our outstanding community by following the steps below.

Benefits you get at St. Patrick Catholic Academy:

- Class sizes capped at 28 in grades K - 8
- Class sizes capped at 25 in Nursery and Pre-K
- We have a STEM lab and Library- Media Center
- 1:1 Electronic Devices in Grades K to 8
- Our students take the Regents Algebra 1 and Regents Living Environment
- Nursery through 8th grade take Art, Music, Gym, and Library
- Grades 5th to 8th grade have a choice of a World Language
- There are after school clubs such as Petite Painters, Irish Step Dancing and Theater Club.
- There are also CYO sports available such as Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer, Baseball and Swimming

For more information visit us online at [www.stpatrickca.org](http://www.stpatrickca.org)

Application process goes as follows:

1. Parents email Mrs. Gail Buckley at [admission@stpatrickca.org](mailto:admission@stpatrickca.org) to fill out an application and pay the application fee online.
2. Our principal, Ms. Kathleen Curatolo, will interview parents and students entering Nursery through 8th grade in person.
3. Parents need to submit most recent report card to Mrs. Gail Buckley at [admission@stpatrickca.org](mailto:admission@stpatrickca.org)
4. Our principal will make a determination and Mrs. Buckley will email parents.
5. Parents sign a contract, scan it to Mrs. Buckley. Pay registration fee online.
6. Welcome to St. Pat's!

