



THE CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK

BAY RIDGE, BROOKLYN



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Ms. Tara Petruzzellis.....Bookkeeper

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

Mr. James Siranovich.....Director of Music

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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: 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



Sunday, September 8, 2024
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Everyday Stewardship

I love watching replays of great sports highlights. Sometimes you see something so extraordinary that you tell others they have to see it to believe it. The one-handed catch, the in-the-park home run, and the photo finish are all examples of these types of moments. They are amazing feats that boggle the mind.

I wonder how many people in biblical times saw Jesus perform miracles and told others they wouldn't have believed it unless they saw it with their own eyes. Of course, we believe the stories of his miracles, and we didn't see them in person. We do believe them, don't we?

There is no television program that features replays of the actual miracles Jesus performed 2,000 years ago. However, there are miracles every day for the world to see. Many of those come about by allowing God to work through us. People are waiting to be healed and fed, and mountains are waiting to be moved. There might not be a replay for these miracles either. However, people will be amazed by the power of God. Jesus said we could do these things if we had faith. Blessed are those who believe but who have not seen. Furthermore, blessed are those who perform great works with God so that others may see.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



**September 7th Saturday,
Vigil, 23rd Ordinary Sunday**

4:30 pm Gena Graff
Peter M. Dolan (*Anniversary*)
Eileen Keenan
Maureen Drain
Nancy & Peter Iardi
Sr. Sylvie Marie Gueron
David Ocasio
Margaret Sweeney
The People of the Parish
Intention to St. Michael the Archangel

**September 8th,
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 am Kathleen Mostyn-Wagner
10:00 am Gennaro Mirra
12:00 pm Michael Terlizzi, Jr.
5:00 pm For the intentions of Patricia Giangrande

September 9th, Monday, St. Peter Claver, Priest

8:15 am Craig Weinberg (*6th Anniversary*)
12 Noon Mary Maguire

September 10th, Tuesday, Weekday

8:15 am Patricia Reilly (*Birthday Memorial*)
12 Noon Ann Owen

September 11th, Wednesday, Weekday

8:15 am Damien Vaccacio (*23rd Anniversary*)
12 Noon Nicholas and Philip Pirozzi

September 12th, Thursday, Weekday

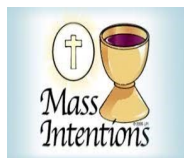
8:15 am Marie Tilelli
12 Noon James McLaughlin and McLaughlin Family

**September 13th, Friday, St. John Chrysostom,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

8:15 am Barbara Gillespie
12 Noon Thomas Marshall

**September 14th, Saturday,
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

12 Noon Anthony Borg (*Memorial Birthday*)



**The Mass Book
for January through June 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.

Saint
Egeria
the
Pilgrim



St. Egeria the Pilgrim

The Tabernacle

The practice of preserving after the celebration of the liturgy a portion of the consecrated bread for the Communion of the sick was observed as early as the second century AD. While the ways of keeping some of the Eucharist varied from place to place, the extreme antiquity of the practice cannot be disputed. "God is with us" in a unique and intimate way in the Blessed Sacrament.

The word *tabernacle* means "dwelling place." The tabernacle in a Catholic church is so named because it is a place where Christ dwells in the Holy Eucharist. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal explains:

"In accordance with the structure of each church and legitimate local customs, the Most Blessed Sacrament should be reserved in a tabernacle in a part of the church that is truly noble, prominent, conspicuous, worthily decorated, and suitable for prayer.

The tabernacle should usually be the only one, be irremovable, be made of solid and inviolable material that is not transparent, and be locked in such a way that the danger of profanation is prevented to the greatest extent possible. Moreover, it is appropriate that before it is put into liturgical use, the tabernacle be blessed according to the rite described in the Roman Ritual." (GIRM, 314)

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We Remember . . .

The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 changed our lives forever. In commemoration of the Twenty-Third Anniversary of the attacks on the United States we will honor all the victims who died, especially:

**David Agnes,
Firefighter Robert Curatolo
Jeannine Damiani-Jones,
Firefighter David DeRubbio,
Firefighter Terrence Gazzani,
Suzanne Geraty, Christopher Grady,
Thomas Kelly, Firefighter Billy Lake,
Mary Lou Langley, Patrick Sullivan,
Firefighter Jimmy Riches,
Carlos Segarra, Damien Vaccacio**

as well as all the firefighters, police officers and emergency personnel who gave their lives to save others.



The Bread and Wine

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

Peter Domante

Gift of: *The Scarlino & Catania Families*



St. Patrick Parish proudly congratulates

Shannon Keenan

Colleen Queen of the
2024 Great Irish Fair

The Colleen Queen award is given each year to a student who exhibit high levels of dedication to education and a strong commitment to service.

Shannon is a graduate of St. Patrick Catholic Academy and a lector at St. Patrick Parish.

The 43rd Annual Great Irish Fair of New York will be held at Holy Name of Jesus Parish on Saturday, September 14th.

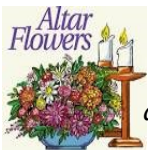


Altar Candles

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Altar Flowers

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Welcome to the Family of God

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



***Miguel Antonio Cerezo
Gwen Carey Clampet
Conor Joseph McNally
Logan Richard McNally
Vincent James Micieli
Carmine Joseph Provenza***



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

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

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, Miss Wendy, Fred LaSenna

WEEK THREE: Juliette Tooma, Anthony Amodeo, Caroline Beisswanger, Roger Santos, Gail Devitto, Maureen Freehill, Felipo 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, Providencia Castro Gilbride, Michael Gilbride, Grace Dower



Purgatorial Society, Newly Enrolled

***Joan Breen
Ann Chin
Marie DeJohn
Josephine Delgado
Lucy DePalma
Maureen Drain
Concetta Garuccio
David Kennedy
Antonio Laterza
Ortensia M. Macri
May H. McNally
Timothy Mulvey
Catherine Perry
Rosemarie Tsugranes***

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.



We pray for those who have recently died . . .

***Dianne Kalil
John J. Bower
Gloria Flynn
Helen Della Monica***

*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.

2004-2013

Monsignor Nagle was appointed to succeed Monsignor Fursey O'Toole early in 2004. Msgr. Nagle picked up the reins of a bustling parish. During his time as pastor, St. Patrick's continued as a leading parish in support of the Diocesan Catholic Appeal. Activities such as the Spring Festival and the Taste of the Ridge filled the parish calendar.

Msgr. Nagle introduced the Family Mass to the Parish. Under his direction, children from various classes began attending daily Mass at the start of the school day. There was a robust group of altar servers, with many children continuing into their high school years. St. Patrick's became a leader in the number of teens and young adults attending World Youth Day Celebrations.

2005 was an active year, but filled with sad events. Msgr. Joseph Parks, St. Patrick's long time Pastor and Pastor Emeritus, died in March. Pope John Paul II died in April and Msgr. Martin Bannon, a well known and beloved Priest of the diocese who served at St. Patrick's, died in December.

In 2006, the Diocese began the Pastoral Planning Process. As part of the process, a Parish Assembly was held in February, 2007, and a Parish Pastoral Council was established. After reviewing feedback from the Parish Assembly and a period known as the listening process, the Pastoral Council issued the Parish Mission Statement which still appears in the Church Bulletin every Sunday. A series of goals were set, and Parishioners were asked to sign up to work on those goals to encourage the growth of the Lay Ministry. Several new parish groups were formed, and a series of Ministry Fairs was begun. Among the initiatives was the placement of a new tabernacle back on the main altar.

In 2008 a chapter of Communion and Liberation came to the Parish.

At the direction of the Diocese, Parish Pastoral Councils then began a period of examination of the future of their parishes given financial difficulties and changes in the demographics in an effort to determine how best to use our resources to meet the future. St. Patrick's was considered among the strongest parishes in the diocese.

In 2011 the Blessed Sacrament Chapel was restored as a result of the generosity of a parishioner (Joe Sokolowski).

St. Patrick's Parish has always been known for its generosity. In 2005, the parish contributed over \$22,000 to victims of hurricane Katrina in New Orleans. In 2012 there was a stronger test closer to home. Hurricane Sandy dealt a devastating blow to New York City, particularly the Rockaways. Catholic schools there were badly damaged and temporarily closed. St. Patrick's reached out, and welcomed over 100 students to our school. The parish held collections and benefits for their families. Many of the students stayed even after their schools were repaired and reopened. The expressions of gratitude from the families were heartfelt, and the close relationship of our common parishioners was further cemented.

St. Patrick's School has always been at the core of the Parish. As such, it has always been well supported by the parish community. In 2012 the Computer Room and the Library were refurbished.

As a result of financial pressures and declining enrollment the Diocese introduced a new paradigm for parish schools. Parish schools would become independent of the parish and become Academies. After a period of transition, the Academies would be self supporting. The initial plan for Bay Ridge was to combine the schools of the three "Fourth Avenue Parishes" into one Academy. Msgr. Nagle led a delegation from St. Patrick's including Principal Andrea D'Emic, that, with Our Lady of Angels and St. Anselm's, advocated keeping the three schools/Academies open. St. Patrick's Academy has emerged from the process as a strong, independent and growing school.

In 2013 Msgr. Nagle left St. Patrick's because of health issues.

New Parishioners Welcome!



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.

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.



**175th Anniversary Mass with
Bishop Brennan**
Concelebrated by priests of St. Patrick past and present!
Sunday, October 20th at 12 Noon

St Patrick's 175th Anniversary Gala
Saturday, November 9th
12:30 to 5:00 pm
Russo's on the Bay
\$125 per person

Includes:

- An unlimited open bar throughout the event
- A served cocktail hour with delicious appetizers; followed by a full 3 course dinner with choice of steak, fish or chicken, dessert and coffee.
- A copy of our 175th Anniversary Commemorative Anniversary Souvenir Journal
- A large screen projection of photographs depicting the history of St Patrick's
 - Speakers
 - Live Music

All of this in the grandeur of Russo On The Bay!

Round Trip Bus Transportation will be available for \$35 pp.



Anniversary Gala
Russo's on the Bay
Saturday, November 9th
12:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Name: _____

Number of Tickets . . .
⇒ **Gala (\$125pp):** _____

I would like to sit with:

⇒ **Roundtrip Bus \$35pp** _____
Reserve your seat on the bus by Sept 15th

Amount Enclosed: _____
Cash or Check (payable to St. Patrick Church)

**Use QR code
to pay with
Credit Card**



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- _____ QUARTER PAGE \$250
- _____ MEMORIAL (ONE LINE) \$100
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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



- **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@stpatrikbayridge.org

SAINT PATRICK
 CATHOLIC ACADEMY
 PRESENTS

RADIO BINGO

With DJs @ Work

FRIDAY, September 27th – Doors open at 6:30 PM

\$50 PER PERSON / \$450 PER TABLE
 DUE BY September 20th
 21 AND OLDER
 BYOB & Food
 Ice provided
 401 97TH STREET
 BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED USING THE ORDER FORM BELOW VIA CASH, CHECK or VENMO
 @Stpatrickca
 50/50 raffle and small prizes!
 Questions call the office 718-833-0124

NAME: _____

TICKETS (\$50 EACH) _____ PLEASE SEAT ME WITH: _____

TABLES (\$450 EACH) _____



ONLINE STUDY OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

St. Patrick in Bay Ridge has joined Franciscan University Catechetical Institute for their **Online Studies on the Catholic Faith** – For Catechist, Youth Leaders & Ministers, and Parish Leadership and Parishioners. *Catechists can gain credit for "Living & Leading by Faith" (Brooklyn Diocese Program).*

We encourage all of you to join by visiting their website: <https://franciscanathome.com/>

- Click the Log In tab—Free Sign Up
- Click on Create a New Account—Fill out the Online Form
- Select Diocese of Brooklyn for Institution
- Select St Patrick Church
- Click the blue tab Sign Up

For more information, email the Office of Faith Formation: SaintPatrickPSR@gmail.com or call them at 718-238-2600. Don't delay—Sign up today!



Crafting With Seniors
 returns on
 September 16th

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



SCHOOL'S BACK!!!

We would like to start off the new school year with lots of prayer and many blessings!

Invite your friends and all the teachers you know to the **10:00 am Mass on Sunday, September 15th** for a special blessing. Bring your backpack and get a small gift that will remind you that God is with you throughout the day and school year.

St. Patrick Parish wishes **ALL** students and teachers a wonderful school year!