



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: 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

2nd Sunday of each month at 2:00 PM

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, October 13, 2024

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship Reflection

In our Gospel today we hear the story of a man who ran up to Jesus and asked Him what he must do to reach eternal life.

Jesus said, “You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.”

It says the man went away sad because he had much.

We might cringe when we hear this story because it is sad — this man was so close to becoming an active disciple of Jesus, but instead turned away. We also might cringe because it could be deeply applicable to our lives.

Jesus states that, “It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

One of the metaphors for the “eye of a needle” was a tight passageway into Jerusalem that people had to enter to get into the city. In order for their camels to pass through, they had to remove whatever the camel was carrying, only then, could they enter.

If we look at our own lives, we can most likely think of something that we tightly carry with us. Maybe it is possessions — material goods or money — like Jesus references in our Gospel. Or maybe it is something less material — like status, pride or control.

Jesus doesn’t want our stuff — our job promotions, our designer house or our bank account. He just wants us. So, we need to be willing to strip those things from our lives in order to reach Him. It might seem difficult, but the outcome will be more than we could have ever imagined — peace on earth and treasure in heaven.



**October 12th Saturday, 4:30 pm Vigil Mass
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gena Graff
Anna Wegner
Michael Marro
Russo Jr. & Sr.
Matthew McTigue
James D. Surdo, Jr. (*Anniversary*)
Victor Guerra (*Happy Birthday*)
Joe Bainlardi (*Happy Birthday*)
Frank Marro (*First Anniversary*)
Pansy Rickert (*20th Anniversary*)
Hannah Heronimus (*Happy Birthday*)
Walter Hammell (*79th Birthday Memorial*)
Paul DiGiacomo (*105th Birthday Memorial*)
Mary Ann Lovatt (*81st Birthday Memorial*)
Providencia Castro Apolinaris Gilbride
The Morris Family Living and Deceased
Cherrilyn Magampon (*In Thanksgiving*)
Dorothy Mele Hammell (*Happy Birthday*)
Maryann Guzman and Family (*Special Intentions*)
Mary & Daniel O'Hara, Sr. (*Wedding Anniv Memorial*)
Frank & Mary Marro (*Wedding Anniversary Memorial*)
Jean & Frank Marro (*Wedding Anniversary Memorial*)
And for the intentions of . . . The people of the parish

October 13th, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Peter Domante
10:00 am For the intentions of Lauren Michelle Huang
12:00 pm DeLorenzo and Christiano Families
5:00 pm For the intentions of Ryan Frank Huang

October 14th, Monday, Weekday

12 Noon Salvatore G. Danese

**October 15th, Tuesday, St. Teresa of Jesus,
Virgin and Doctor of the Church**

8:15 am Danielle A. Tilyou
12 Noon Huott and Carey Families

October 16th, Wednesday, Weekday

8:15 am Robert Magee (*Birthday Memorial*)
12 Noon Deceased members of the Blasko Family

**October 17th, Thursday, St. Ignatius of Antioch,
Bishop and Martyr**

8:15 am Theresa Diovisalvi
12 Noon Mary Capuccio (*Birthday Memorial*)

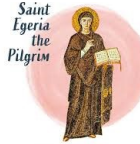
October 18th, Friday, St. Luke, Evangelist

8:15 am John Wheatley
12 Noon Leandro Rodriguez (*Birthday Memorial*)

**October 19th, Saturday, Sts. John de Brebeuf and
Isaac Jogues, Priests and Companions, Martyrs**

12 Noon Dorothy Poole (*Anniversary*)

Funds collected in this weekend's second collection (Fuel) will be directed to the Bishops Emergency Disaster Relief Fund and are used to support the work of Catholic Charities USA and/or Catholic Relief Services, the official relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church, as they and their local agencies respond following natural disasters by providing water, food, shelter and medical care and aid in long-term rebuilding and recovery efforts.



St. Egeria the Pilgrim

Holy Water Fonts

Holy water fonts are nonporous vessels that contain holy water usually located near church entrances. They were first used in the 400s. Upon entering church, the faithful dip their right hands in the water and make the Sign of the Cross. These receptacles vary in size, architectural materials, and artistic expression. Some may be small and simple while others large and grandiose. Placing these receptacles by the church entrances delineate the passage from the worldly to the sacred.

This entrance ritual is a reminder of baptism. In baptism the Christian shares in the priestly office of Christ Jesus that will be exercised in the celebration of Holy Mass. Water is a sign of life and cleansing. The use of holy water, to sign oneself, is also a reminder of those baptismal promises made, or made on our behalf, that not only reject evil throughout our daily lives but also affirm our belief in the Triune God (Blessed Trinity) as evoked in the Sign of the Cross.

Holy water which is blessed by a bishop, priest or deacon is a "sacramental." The catechism teaches: "[Sacramentals] are sacred signs which bear a resemblance to the sacraments" in this case, baptism, and they orient us to the effects of the sacraments. (CCC1667)

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Eternal rest grant unto them
O Lord
And may perpetual light
Shine upon them forever.

November is the Month of Remembrance for all our departed loved ones. This commemoration begins with the Memorial of All Souls on November 2nd.

We are offering **special Memorial Candles** that will be placed in the Sanctuary and burn for a period of seven days.

A label will be placed on the front of the candle with the name of your loved one.

The requested donation for these candles is \$10.00 each. (\$40.00 for the month of November.)

Candles may be purchased in the Church's Gathering Space after Mass and in the rectory during regular business hours. You may also mail your request to the rectory with a check, payable to St. Patrick Church.



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

WEEK ONE: Agnes Elaine Grosso, Erin Waring, Robin DeMattei, James R. Mauro, Joseph Perri, Courtney Donohoe, Annie Olsen, Mitchell Kuddar, Danny Pokoluk, Mark Draghi, Vinnie Maldarelli, Nicole Interlandi, John Plumber, Ray Wiederhold, Alvin Cornelius, Miss Wendy, Mary Kate Martucci

WEEK TWO: 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, Elizabeth Samuel, Jim McCormack, Aileen Mariani, Joyce Saraceni, Rafael Vallejo, Louise Cartwright, Michael Gilbride, Providencia Castro Gilbride, Grace Dower,

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



We pray for those who have recently died . . .

James Reynolds, Gerard O'Mara, Alexander Kelly, All those who perished in the recent hurricanes

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.



Next week, we join Catholics around the world for the celebration of **World Mission Sunday**. We are called to offer our prayers and financial help for the Church's missionary work in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands and parts of Latin America and Europe.

Share the Feast! Please be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for the Missions. Thank you!

Use the QR code for more information and to donate online.

Text Missions24 to 44384



October is the Month of the Rosary!

The Rosary is a powerful weapon; as we meditate on the life of Jesus through the eyes of Mary, we grow in faith and virtue, and we are strengthened as individuals, as families, and as a whole parish community.



St. Patrick's Young Adult Ministry

Dear St. Patrick's Community,

I'm excited to invite all young adults, ages 18-35, to our next gathering of the St. Pope John Paul II Young Adult Group on Friday, October 18 at 6 PM in the Archway Room. Our theme for this meeting is **"Praying with Purpose: Strengthening Our Faith Through the Rosary."** The Rosary is not just a beautiful prayer, but a powerful way to deepen our relationship with God and grow in faith. Together, we'll reflect on how the mysteries of the Rosary can help us face life's challenges and strengthen our trust in God's plan for us.

As St. Pope John Paul II once said, *"The Rosary is my favorite prayer. A Marian prayer. And it is, for me, a constant source of strength."* Through this prayer, we too can find strength and peace and grow closer to Christ through Mary's intercession.

Whether you're a lifelong Rosary devotee or new to it, this evening will offer a chance to learn, reflect, and connect with others on the same journey of faith. Come as you are, bring a friend, and let's discover how we can pray with purpose to grow in our relationship with Christ. I look forward to seeing you there!

In Christ's Peace,
Father Randy Nguyen

Spiritual Adoption

October is also Respect Life Month. All parishioners are invited to pledge to say a daily prayer (for the next nine months) for a baby who is in danger of not being born. The special prayer takes only ten seconds and goes as follows:



Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of (name you have chosen), **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.

Your prayers CAN make a difference between whether a baby will be born...or not. Our prayers can also be a form of spiritual support for both of the parents. Please share the love of life given to you by the Lord of **all life** and join in spiritually adopting a baby. Prayers cards are available in the Church's Gathering Space.



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.

2019-2022

In July, 2019, Father Gerard J. Sauer was named Pastor of St. Patrick's, and the newly ordained Fr. Michael F. Falce was appointed Parochial Vicar.

The period of 2019-2022 saw great changes and challenges.

Changes. The last of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Teresa, Febronia, and Eileen, left St. Patrick's, and Sister Jean Elaine retired after 37 years. In January, 2020, Fr. Richard Bretone was reassigned to St. Francis Xavier Parish in Park Slope. After 18 years, Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio retired in 2021, and Bishop Robert Brennan was appointed in November, 2021.

Challenges. The world was shaken in February, 2020 by the rapid spread of Covid 19, which would go on to kill millions of people worldwide. Recognizing the threat that this very contagious virus posed, many restrictions were placed on the way we lived, worked and interacted with people. As of March 19, 2020 all Churches and schools were closed. Masses were not celebrated in Churches. The diocese began streaming Masses from the co-cathedrals, St. James and St. Joseph's. No weddings or funerals were performed, and all activities were suspended. The St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry was closed, and reopened after 8 weeks with severe restrictions. In April, St. Patrick's began to stream Masses from the Church. The Church Bulletin continued to be published and Fr. Peter Poonoly contributed several long essays regarding the Faith.

At the end of May, 2020, the church began a phased reopening. At the end of June, Masses resumed with many restrictions. Attendance was restricted to 25% the capacity of the Church. Separation had to be maintained. In September, 2020 the Parish was saddened by the death of Msgr. Joseph Nagle who had served as Pastor from 2004 to 2013.

As the world gradually reopened, St. Patrick's began to reassess what was needed to be done to maintain the Church and the other parish buildings for the future. The William O'Connell School building needed a new roof and pointing. The Church exterior had to be repointed before any interior work could be done. The heating system for all the buildings needed to be redone.

To address the needs, a campaign to raise \$1.3 million, - Deeply Rooted - Firmly Planted was begun in March, 2021. Parishioners were asked to make long term commitments to the Parish in order to ensure that St. Patrick's would be able to continue its mission and remain a vital part of the community for years to come.

Because of the need to do this work, and the faith that parishioners would respond to the campaign, the work was begun at the same time that the Deeply Rooted—Firmly Planted campaign began.



175th Anniversary Mass with Bishop Brennan

***Concelebrated by priests of
St. Patrick, past and present!***

**Sunday, October 20th
at 12 Noon**

***A Light reception will
follow in the auditorium.***

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 _____

**RSVP: Return this form with payment to the
rectory by October 15, 2024.**

Amount Enclosed: _____

Cash or Check (payable to St. Patrick Church)



**ST. PATRICK'S IS
CELEBRATING OUR 175TH
ANNIVERSARY!!!**

**In Celebration, let's make
this our BIGGEST raffle to
date!!!!**

**2024 Fall Into Cash
50/50 Raffle
Half to St. Patrick's/Half to YOU!**

**Tickets are \$5.00 ea
Buy More, Save \$\$\$:
3 for \$10.00/5 for \$15.00 or 10 for \$25.00**

Drawing: Sunday, December 22nd

You've Got to be in it

**Each ticket sold helps our parish and gives YOU a
chance to WIN BIG!**



**Anyone interested in
joining our parish
choir should contact
our Music Director,
James Siranovich.**

The ability to carry a tune is required, and some level of music-reading ability is appreciated, but not required. All four voice parts are welcome, but the choir is particularly in need of tenors and basses.


The choir practices every Sunday at 11:15 a.m. in the Msgr. Parks Center, 418-95th Street, and sings at the Noon Mass from September to June.

Please see James if you are interested, or email music@stpatrickbayridge.org.



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
SOCIETY
CLOTHING DRIVE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH
7:30 AM TO NOON**

**Please do NOT bring donations
to the Church as we do not have the facilities
to store them.**



**HAPPY
COLUMBUS
DAY**

**Monday,
October 14, 2024**

**The Rectory offices will be closed—
12 Noon will be the only Mass of the day.**

**St. Patrick Catholic Academy
11th Annual Fundraiser**

Featuring



*The Rhapsody
Players*

join us for a great night of the best music of the 60s, 70s and 80s in an intimate cabaret style setting!!

**Saturday November 2, 2024
7:30pm**

St Patrick Aldo Bruschi Auditorium
Parking is available in the rear schoolyard

Admission: \$25.00

includes coffee and dessert

Wine and beer to be sold and there will be a 50/50 raffle!!

For reservations please contact John Heffernan
Phone: 646-335-2710
Email: broadwayjack@earthlink.net



**ELECTION DAY
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH**

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has issued a document called **"Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship"** to guide the faithful as they undertake the serious responsibility of voting. This text helps us to form our consciences in the truth of the Gospel so that we can make prudential judgements about candidates and propositions. Please take the time to review the document on the USCCB's website: <https://www.usccb.org/offices/justice-and-peace/forming-consciences-faithful-citizenship>. Flyers are also available at all entrances to the Church.

Here in New York State, In addition to voting for candidates for public office, we will be casting a vote on **Proposal 1** sometimes referred to as the "Equal Rights Amendment". **Before heading to the ballot box, we urge you to educate yourself about this proposed amendment.**

Our Lady of Angels
will celebrate a special Mass asking
for the intercession of

**St. Gerard Majella,
Patron Saint of Motherhood**
for married couples trying to
conceive.

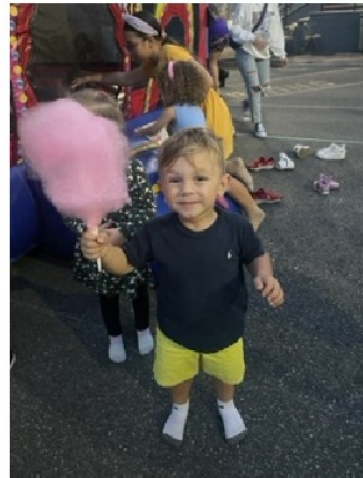
**Saturday, October 26th
12 Noon**





**St. Patrick
Catholic Academy**

Our Home Academy Association (HAA) sponsored our first fundraising event of the school year, Family Fun Night. Students and their families were treated to food trucks, bounce houses, games, a DJ, and so much more! Even our teachers got in on the fun! Thank you to Dana Mancuso, President, and Liana Karas, Vice President, for all your hard work.



For more information on St. Patrick Catholic Academy, visit us at www.stpatrickca.org or email us at admission@stpatrickca.org !

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