



# 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**

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



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**Sunday, November 10, 2024**  
**Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Stewardship Reflection

Today's First Reading from the First Book of Kings, as well as the Gospel passage from Mark, both center on the actions of two seemingly poor and helpless widows who show themselves to be faith-filled and generous stewards.

In the eyes of the world, particularly in biblical times when there was no life insurance or Social Security, these widows were weak and dependent on others to take care of them. They each found themselves in desperate situations — one in the midst of famine with a child for which to care, and the other clearly impoverished. Yet, each demonstrated strength and generosity that distinguished them from those around them. From where did this strength come?

It came from knowing who they are, and Whose they are. These women must have known their security would not come from a good life insurance policy or connections to someone with a hidden storehouse of flour.

No, their security came from knowing they were daughters of the Most High God and from putting their faith in Him. They had no need to panic in the midst of natural disaster or cling desperately to their meager resources. Their faith in God set them free to trust Him when all seemed hopeless. Their faith kept them detached from material possessions. Their faith allowed them to be brave and generous, to think of others despite their own trials.

These women saw themselves as stewards, not owners, of the resources God gave them, regardless of how much or how little they had. And acting as stewards made them gracious, generous and mighty indeed.

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# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



## November 9th, Saturday, 4:30 pm Vigil Mass 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

All Souls' Novena  
Gena Graff  
Bishop Paul Moore, Jr.  
Thomas & Joan Gilbride  
Christopher Michael Aboud  
William DeWitt, Sr. (*Birthday Memorial*)  
Julita Bacarro  
Frank Duff  
Edel Quinn

### And for the intentions of . . .

The people of the parish  
Helen Chirivas  
Santine Catalano Dubreuil  
Jean McAloon  
Fr. Bridan Jordan OFM  
Maryann Guzman and Family  
Thomas Killilea (*Healing*)

## November 10th, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Cono Christiano  
10:00 am Jill Terlizzi  
12:00 pm Carmelo Tropia (*Anniversary*)  
5:00 pm Jerome & Joan Kniejski

## November 11th, Monday, St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

12 Noon Ella & Edmound Godfrey

## November 12th, Tuesday, St. Josaphat, Bishop

8:15 am Vincenzo Barbera  
12 Noon John Butler and Family

## November 13th, Wednesday, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

8:15 am Henry Ciolli  
12 Noon Donato Partipilo

## November 14th, Thursday, Weekday

8:15 am Peter & Vicky Herr  
12 Noon Deceased members of the Angelone,  
Carfagna and Nittoli Families

## November 15th, Friday, Weekday

8:15 am Aida Del Pozo (*Birthday Memorial*)  
12 Noon Robert M. Attianese (*22nd Anniversary*)

## November 16th, Saturday, Weekday

12 Noon Frank P. Clark (*Birthday Memorial*)



## St. Egeria the Pilgrim

### The Lectern

As discussed previously "the dignity of the Word of God requires that in the church there be a suitable place from which it may be proclaimed and toward which the attention of the faithful naturally turns during the Liturgy of the Word." (GIRM 309) This is done at the "ambo."

There are other times, however, when the congregation needs to be addressed. The priest-celebrant may do so from the chair, others on these occasions do so from the lectern.

While rarely used anymore the missal speaks of a "commentator" who would help explain the celebration. (cf GIRM 105) More common today, the lectern is used for parish announcements and perhaps guest speakers. An example of the former might be the explanation of special national/diocesan collections or other unique parish events, while the latter could be a guest representative explaining and inviting parishioners to an upcoming Blood Drive, and the like.

Additionally, cantors and song leaders who need visible contact with the rest of the congregation might use the lectern if there is not another designated place from which they can adequately perform their ministry. Nevertheless, the singing of the Responsorial Psalm should by rule normally occur at the ambo.

*Egeria Inserts are an endeavor of Egeriathepilgrim.com*



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.

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.**

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.

*(Week 3 candles will be placed on the altar on Saturday, November 16th.)*

## Mark Your Calendars and Plan to Attend!



### Saturday, December 7th

*Outdoor Crèche Blessing and Tree Lighting*

### Sunday, December 15th

*Communion & Liberation -Lessons and Carols*

### Tuesday, December 17th

*St. Patrick Parish Christmas Spectacular*

### Saturday, December 21st

*A Rhapsody Christmas*

**Watch future bulletins for details!**



# 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 . . .*

**James Kelly**

*Gift of: JoAnn Kelly*



## The Sanctuary Lamp

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

**James Kelly**

*Gift of: JoAnn Kelly*



## Altar Candles

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

**Albert M. Attianese**

*(Second Anniversary)*

*Gift of: Eve R. Devinsky*



## Gift Bearers

The ushers generally select someone to bring up the gifts from those attending the Mass.

***If you would like to be a gift bearer, please see an usher prior to the beginning of Mass.***



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

**WEEK ONE:** 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, Ethel Duffy, Kathy Tyoka, Rex Cooper, Hughie Yee, Shirley Perezic, Arthur Samuel, Baby Charlotte, Baby Savannah, Linda Gassoso, Lillian Cooper, Rosemary Donnelly, James Mooney

**WEEK TWO:** 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 THREE:** Joan Dowd, Caroline Beisswanger, Juliette Tooma, Anthony Amodeo, Roger Santos, Gail Devitto, Maureen Freehill, Felipo Sarubbi, Margaret McLaughlin, Elizabeth Samuel, Lois Murray, Mandly McCormack, Helen Gorayeb, James Gorayeb, Margaret Buckley, Jim McCormack, Aileen Mariani, Joyce Saraceni, Rafael Vallejo, Louise Cartwright, Michael Gilbride, Providencia Castro Gilbride, Grace Dower, Paul Kasbar



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

*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.*



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.



## **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 ...

1st Wednesday: 10:00am and 1:00pm

3rd Wednesday: 5:00pm and 7:00pm

**Call the rectory for more information.**



**VETERAN'S DAY**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2024**  
**12 NOON ONLY MASS**  
**Rectory Offices Closed**

On Monday, November 11th we honor and pray for those men and women who have, in their service to our country, sacrificed their time, strength, ambition, health and even their lives protecting our great nation. We pray also for the men and women who are actively serving both here and abroad and their families, may God bless them and keep them safe.



**THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

We're collecting canned goods and non-perishable items to help those in need during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Donations of non-perishable food are always gratefully accepted in the Rectory office during regular business hours.

**100% of donations to the SVdP Poor Boxes go to help stock the Food Pantry.**



*2024*  
**Christmas Flower Fund**

**In Church Memorials**

- **Main Tree (no longer available) \$300.00**
- **Indoor Creche Trees \$150.00**
- **Sanctuary Wreath(2 available) \$150.00**
- **Choir Loft Wreath(1 available) \$150.00**
- **Window Wreaths (7 available) \$100.00**
- **Jumbo Plant \$100.00**
- **Large Plant \$ 50.00**
- **Small Plant \$ 25.00**

**Outdoor Memorials**

- **Outdoor Trees \$150.00**
- **Outdoor Wreaths (4 available) \$100.00**
- **Memorial Tree of Lights \$ 10.00**

**Outdoor Creche Blessing and Tree Lighting** will follow the 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday evening, **December 7th**. Lights will remain lit throughout the Christmas Season.



**The Christmas Angels** will arrive in St. Patrick's November 23rd & 24th

**Delivering gifts of love and a message of hope to those in need**

**Please keep in mind that gift cards are a great way to give.** Gift cards offer parents the satisfaction of being able to shop and provide for their family and for a child, seeing that a gift comes from a parent strengthens family bonds.

To ensure that the presents reach their destination in time for Christmas, all gifts are due back no later than December 7th and 8th.

**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, November 15 at 6 PM in the Archway Room. Our theme for this meeting is **"The Communion of Saints and Souls: Living a Legacy of Faith."**

This month, we've already celebrated the Feast of All Saints on November 1, honoring those who have lived lives of extraordinary holiness and are now with God. On November 2, we observed All Souls' Day, a special time to pray for the souls of the faithful departed, asking God to bring them into the fullness of His communion.

The Communion of Saints reminds us that we are part of a great spiritual family, united not only with the saints in heaven but also with the souls of our departed loved ones. As we reflect on their lives of faith and pray for the souls of the departed this month, we are reminded that their example inspires us to live boldly in our own faith. St. Pope John Paul II once said, *"The saints are the true revolutionaries of history; they are the ones who change the world."* Just as the saints transformed the world with their faith, we are also called to live our faith with purpose and leave a legacy of love, hope, and service.

At this gathering, we'll reflect on how we can build our own legacy of faith — not through grand gestures, but through the small, everyday choices to love, serve, and witness to the Gospel. We'll also spend time in prayer for the souls of the departed, lifting up our loved ones who have gone before us. Feel free to bring any specific prayer intentions for your loved ones as we remember them together.

Whether you've been inspired by the saints for years or are just beginning to explore their lives, this evening will offer a chance for reflection, prayer, and fellowship. Come as you are, bring a friend, and let's explore how we can live a lasting legacy of faith, supported by the prayers of the saints and the souls of the faithful departed. I look forward to seeing you there!

In Christ's Peace,  
 Father Randy Nguyen



**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!**



# 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.

## St. Patrick's CYO Sports [www.stpsports.org](http://www.stpsports.org)

The CYO Sports program here at St. Patrick's has been around since the early 1960's, in one form or another. We offer all children from 4 to 17 years of age the opportunity to participate in any or all of our "team oriented" sports programs which consist of baseball, basketball, soccer, softball, swimming and girls' volleyball. Our sports programs are available at the intramural level where every child participates regardless of talent and at a competitive CYO Travel level where tryouts may be required and a time commitment is mandatory. All the sports programs' participant numbers have returned to pre-pandemic levels. Each program is run by their individual sports directors which in turn is managed by the Parish Athletic Director Romeo Petric since 2004 and who has coached various sports since 1994.

Our baseball and softball programs have an intramural program and a summer travel program (with enough interest). The program averages 175 to 250 ball players and has been in existence since the early 70's! The baseball/softball sports director is Chris Thomas. The program is divided by grades with our Pre-K and Kindergarten players in the Clinic Division, our 1st and 2nd graders in the Pee Wee/Explorers division, our 3rd and 4th graders in the Minors division, our 5th and 6th graders in the JV Division and our 7th and 8th graders in the Varsity division. Our teams play in the local Kiwanis League which comprises teams from Our Lady of Angels, St. Anselm's, St. Ephrem's, St. Athanasius and the 68th PCT. All our home games are played on Saturdays and Sundays with some games scheduled during the week. Our home field is the turf field, on Shore Road and 97th Street. The baseball and softball seasons run from late March to early June.

Our basketball program has both a travel CYO program where playing time is earned and an intramural program where everyone gets equal playing time. The program averages 200 to 250 players and has been in existence since the 60's! The basketball co-directors are Jerry Carita and Keith Rumpf. The program is divided into single grades where our Pre-K, K and 1st graders participate in the clinic division. Our 2nd through 8th graders participate in the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) and play teams from the Brooklyn Diocese through the borough and Queens. Our CYO home games are played on Saturdays while our away games can be scheduled on either weekend days. Our intramural games are played on Tuesday and Friday evenings in the school gym with our gym kitchen being the envy of visitors who always look forward to coming to St. Pat's. Our CYO teams are split up between all boys and all girls' teams. Our intramural teams have both boys AND girls merged into four, five or six teams in each division of 3/4/5 graders and 6/7/8 graders. The basketball season runs from October to March.

Our soccer program averages 125-175 players each season and has been in existence since 1974. It is an intramural program where boys and girls play together. The soccer co-directors are Joe Martinez and Joe Puglisi. The program is divided by grades with our Pre-K & K players in the Clinic Division, our 1st & 2nd graders in the Pee Wee division, our 3rd 4th and 5th graders in the intermediate division and 6th 7th and 8th graders in the JHS division. Our teams play every Saturday on the same field as our baseball and softball teams, on the turf field on Shore Road and 97th Street. The season runs from September to early November.

Our all-boys and all-girls CYO swim program averages 225-275 swimmers each season and has existed since 1980. Due to lack of available pool time, CYO has created merged parish teams. St. Pat's and St. Ephrem's make up the STEP CYO Swim Teams. It is a competitive CYO travel program (tryouts are mandatory for first time swimmers), where boys and girls swim in individual teams and compete against other parish CYO Swim programs. The boys swim director is Amy Mathis and the girls swim director is Marykate Gallagher. The program is divided into 2nd and 3rd grades, 4th and 5th grades, 6th and 7th grades and 8th and 9th grade divisions. Our home swim meets are held at Ft. Hamilton HS Pool on Friday nights with our away meets held at other public high schools pools. The season runs from September to April. We have a very popular Learn to Swim program which runs for eight weeks for children in Pre-K to 4th grade (none of our CYO Swim team members can participate in LTS). The class size is limited to the first 40 registrants and is held in January and February. The learn to swim program is organized by Chiara Puglisi and Karen Pizzi.

Our CYO girls' volleyball program averages 50-100 girls and has existed since 2010. Like our CYO basketball program, our volleyball teams compete against parish teams in Brooklyn and Queens. The volleyball director is Lee Thomas. The program is divided by grades, but it begins in the 3rd and 4th division. We also have a 5th and 6th grade team, a 7th and 8th grade team and two high school teams. Our teams play their home games on Sundays in our gym and away on weekends. The season runs from January to May.



## St. Patrick Catholic Academy

### *All Saints' Day Mass*

We came together to observe All Saints' Day with a school mass. The first grade came dressed as saints and paraded through the church. Each child, with the help of an eighth-grade buddy, researched facts about the saint and presented their knowledge in church to the school. We are so proud of their hard work!



For more information on St. Patrick Catholic Academy, visit us at [www.stpatrickca.org](http://www.stpatrickca.org) or email us at [admission@stpatrickca.org](mailto:admission@stpatrickca.org) !

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