



THE CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK BAY RIDGE, BROOKLYN

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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

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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

4:30 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 1:15 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



June 28, 2026

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple--amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." - Mt 10:42

Everyday Stewardship

It took five years of marriage before I was ready to have that first baby. Of course, now that I have three children I cannot imagine a life without them. After twenty-five years, I cannot imagine life without my wife as well.

And I know that I am lucky. I know those who have lost children or have been widowed. They couldn't imagine life without their loved ones either.

The tough reality to digest is that we don't own those whom we love. They are all gifts from God, entrusted to each of us as good stewards. If we cling too tightly, we become like the steward who buried his talents in the ground. If we don't care enough, we become like the prodigal son who squandered his gifts on gambling and frivolous living.

But can we love our loved ones too much? I am not sure it is possible to love others too much if it is genuine love. However, if we truly love them, then we will want to lead them to the One that gave them to us in the first place: God. We do that by demonstrating that no one comes before God in our lives, not even our family.

In this world, our loved ones make living meaningful. But this world is not the end. As much as we love them here, our ultimate goal is for them to live eternally with God. May my wife and kids never think I chose them over God, so that they may choose God over all else, as well.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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**Be thoughtful and reverent—
for this is the house of the Lord.
Before Mass, speak to the Lord.
During Mass, let the Lord speak to you.
After Mass, speak to one-another.**



Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK



June 27th, Saturday Vigil, 13th Ordinary Sunday

4:30 pm Ruth Anne Gilbride
Concetta DiCapua
Domenico Patrone
Mary Farrell
Patrizia Barrera
Gertrude Lazar
Brenda Aguiar (1 Week)

For the intentions of . . .

The People of the Parish
Marie Ippolitto (Happy 100th Birthday)
Susan M. Namnun
Martin & Acero Families (In Thanksgiving)

June 28th, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Olive Poole
10:00 am Ray Jeronimo
12:00 pm Nancy Newell
5:00 pm Patrick McNamara

June 29th, Monday, Sts Peter and Paul, Apostles

8:15 am Bill Brandl
12 Noon The Young Family

June 30th, Tuesday, Weekday

8:15 am For the intentions of José Camacho
12 Noon Russell Miller

July 1st, Wednesday, Weekday

8:15 am Billy Bierster
12 Noon Russell Garrett

July 2nd, Thursday, Weekday

8:15 am Alpha Shakhell
12 Noon Patricia Perazzo

July 3rd, First Friday, Weekday

12 Noon Purgatorial Society

July 4th, First Saturday, Weekday

12:00 pm Anastasia Prenty (47th Anniversary)



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

WEEK ONE: Lisa DeFilippo, Ellen Nobel, Carmine Del Pezzo, Anthony DeFilippo, Jr. Phyllis Rucci, Linda DeAngelis, Louise Cartwright, 2 year old Abbey Coriaty, Patrick & Debbie Aceto Irene Dobronski, Joyce Saraceni, Peggy Carmody, Cornelius Whooley, Christine Soldano, Gary Arkin, Danny Pokoluk, Teresa Szymane, Chirara Santiago and her unborn child,

WEEK TWO: Elizabeth A & Arthur H Samuel, Baby Charlotte, Elizabeth Paulsen, Marie Madorma, Katie S., Ida Scantlebury, Colin Scantlebury, Brendan Woods, Angela Eisenberg, Vivian Russo, Mandy McCormack, Louise Sabbagh Arias, Jim McCormack, Vincent Amodeo, Elizabeth Petito, James Gorayeb, Helen Gorayeb, Frances Atanasio, Denise Schierbaum

WEEK THREE: 4 year old Carmine Elvezio Margaret Buckley, Ted Mootos, Felipe Sarubbi, Rosa Salazar, James Mootos, Eileen Blundell

"Almighty God, we ask You to restore health and grant comfort to those who are ill. May Your healing power be present, bringing strength and a complete recovery. Amen".



We pray for those who have recently died, especially. . .

Brenda Aguiar, James Venezia, Carmel "Charlie" DeBono, Cesar Nicolas Torres

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.

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.

Attention Young Adults: Once you reach the age of 18, it is your responsibility to join a church family, participate in the Mass and to register as a member independent of your parents.



Welcome to the Family of God

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



- Cora Annalise Collins**
- Roman Clementi**
- Orian Montalbano Jacob**
- Maximo Joseph Lurito**
- Quinn Munz**
- Jarel Pliego**

"Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen".

Purgatorial Society, Newly Enrolled



- Patrizia Barrera**
- Patricia Carpenter**
- Vincent Cruz**
- Vicotria Freire**
- Connie Gatto**
- Joseph Giuliano**
- Joseph J. LaCova (2 cards)**
- Joan Paguaga (2 cards)**
- Mark Ragusa**
- Melania Perez**
- Elizabeth Petrillo**
- Jacqueline Pierre-Louis**
- Carol Turnbull**

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 Next Purgatorial Mass will be celebrated at 12 Noon on Friday, July 3, 2026.



Welcome Back, Fr. Albert!

Father Albert will be ministering at St. Patrick's through August, please join us in welcoming him.



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.

The donations for memorial gifts are:

- ⇒ Gifts of Bread & Wine \$ 35.00
- ⇒ Altar candles \$ 35.00
- ⇒ Sanctuary Lamp Candle \$ 35.00
- ⇒ Altar Flowers \$ 75.00

A monetary Memorial Gift to St. Patrick's is a another meaningful way to remember those who have gone before us; monetary gifts can be made, in any amount. Memorial Gift Cards are available in the sacristy and the rectory.



The Bread and Wine

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

Ann & Bob Clinton
and their children

Gift of: Ed Clinton



The Sanctuary Lamp

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

Billy Bierster
(Anniversary)

Gift of: Kathy Venezia

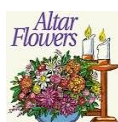


Altar Candles

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

Vincent & Marie DeMeglio
(Wedding Anniversary Memorial)

Gift of: Their Loving Family



Altar Flowers

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Annual Catholic Appeal 2026
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I am happy to share an update on the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal. As of May 4th, toward our parish goal of \$103,218, 179 parishioners have pledged \$105,075 with \$93,336 already received.

WE HAVE EXCEEDED OUR GOAL!

PARTICIPATION GOAL!
Our first goal is 200 pledges!

2 new pledges were received this week!

*We ask and encourage you to participate and give what you can. **21 pledges needed to reach our 1st goal.***

No amount is too small. *Your gift is truly a personal sacrifice — one that we are most grateful for, so reflect upon this decision and share as generously as you can.* **ALL** monies collected over our goal will be returned to the parish to help with our on-going capitol improvements.

Let us pray that the 2026 Appeal is a big success. It is our parish's principal fundraiser for the year.

I am deeply grateful to the parishioners who have already made their pledge. Your generosity is a blessing to our parish community.

Fr. Dowd

To Make a Pledge . . .

- ⇒ **Pick up a pledge form;** in the gathering space or in the rectory.
- ⇒ **Online** at AnnualCatholicAppeal.org
- ⇒ **Text donate** to 917-336-1255
- ⇒ **Scan the QR Code**



The Semiquincentennial Anniversary of the USA

Anniversaries and birthdays are observed all the time, yet we know that not all of them are treated equally. Milestones like the tenth, twenty-fifth, fiftieth, and seventy-fifth all seem to have special significance as we mark the passing of time. July 4, 2026, is the Semiquincentennial Anniversary of the United States of America, more commonly known as the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, or the birth of our country. As is only fitting since our nation plays an important part in the life of each member of the Church here, the US bishops have been preparing for this celebration for a while. This space has already discussed the rededication of the USA to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus earlier in the month.

At Holy Mass this Independence Day, we will again pray for the nation and its people in prayers approved for use every July 4. Will you begin our 251st year of independence in prayer at Mass? Here is one option for the Collect (Opening Prayer):

Father of all nations and ages, we recall the day when our country claimed its place among the family of nations; for what has been achieved we give you thanks, for the work that still remains we ask your help, and as you have called us from many peoples to be one nation, grant that, under your providence, our country may share your blessings with all the peoples of the earth.

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- Scan the QR code



Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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.

CALLING ALL MULTILINGUAL FAMILIES: WE NEED YOUR HELP!

IF YOU QUALIFY, PLEASE JOIN US!

Shared Reading, Preschoolers, and Vocabulary

A study examining multilingual families and shared reading with preschoolers

Participant

Qualifications:

- must live in New York City area
- must have at least **ONE** child preschool-aged (between 2.5 years and 4.9 years old)
- must speak more than one language at home

WHAT WILL BE EXPECTED OF

ME?

- READ FOR 10 MINUTES PER DAY WITH YOUR PRESCHOOLER
- ONE BRIEF, VIRTUAL TRAINING SESSION BEFORE STUDY START DATE
- ACCESS COMMON ENGLISH RHYMING TEXTS SUCH AS: "THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR," "THE CAT IN THE HAT," "CHICKA CHICKA BOOM BOOM." AND "BROWN BEAR, BROWN BEAR. WHAT DO YOU SEE?"
- USE YOUR PHONE TO VIDEO/AUDIO RECORD READING SESSIONS



ANTICIPATED START DATE: AUGUST 2026

For more information, contact the researcher here:

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MINIMAL COMMITMENT TIME: ONE WEEK!



“WHERE THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS, THERE IS FREEDOM”

— 2 CORINTHIANS 3:17



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR FREEDOM

Heavenly Father,

We thank You for the many blessings You have bestowed upon us: for our faith, our families, our parish community, and for the gift of freedom.

As we celebrate our nation’s Independence Day and begin the observance of the

250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

we give You thanks for all those who have worked, sacrificed, and served to preserve the liberties we enjoy today.

Grant wisdom to our leaders, courage to those who defend our nation, and a renewed commitment in each of us to build a society founded upon justice, peace, and respect for every human person.

May we never take our freedoms for granted, but always use them to serve You and our neighbor.

Bless our country, protect all who serve in the Armed Forces, and keep us united in faith, hope, and charity.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

★ CELEBRATING ★
250TH
ANNIVERSARY
— OF THE —
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
1776 ★ 2026



The priests and staff of
ST. PATRICK PARISH
wish you and your loved ones
a happy, safe, and blessed
FOURTH OF JULY!



IN OBSERVANCE OF OUR NATION’S 250TH ANNIVERSARY, THE RECTORY OFFICES WILL BE **CLOSED ON FRIDAY, JULY 3RD.**



12:00 NOON MASS WILL BE THE **ONLY** MASS CELEBRATED THAT DAY.

★ FOR THE WEEKEND OF JULY 4TH AND 5TH, WE WILL HAVE A REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE. ★

God bless you, and may God continue to bless America!



- **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?**

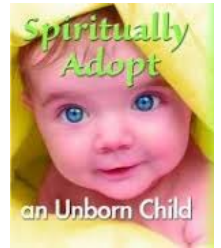
If you answered "YES" to any of these questions you should consider participating in the RCIA process.

Beginning in September and culminating with the reception of the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil, the **Order 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

A Message from your Spiritually Adopted Child

Eight Month



We are nearing the end of our journey to life outside the womb. Thank you for praying for me, I am eight months old now and completely formed and have been since eight weeks. All I am doing now is gaining weight and getting ready for my birthday.

Thank you for praying for mommy and me. Please keeping pray for us! I love you!

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of 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.



ATTENTION ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS & VOLUNTEERS

The Diocese of Brooklyn, including our parish, is currently under a monitorship following the agreement with the New York State Attorney General. This monitorship underscores the importance of our adherence to safe environment requirements.

To maintain the highest standards of safety and to protect the well-being of all involved, we implore you to comply with all safe environment requirements by June 30, 2026.

CHECK YOUR VIRTUS.ORG ACCOUNT—Any outstanding items will be in red on your main account page.

CHECK YOUR EMAIL—Emails have been sent to Liturgical Ministers and volunteers who are not in compliance with the safe environment requirements. (Be sure to check your spam folders.) *If you received an email from the parish but are no longer serving or volunteering at St. Patrick's, please inform the rectory as soon as possible.*

ALL Liturgical Ministers and volunteers to comply with the Safe Environment mandates.

Volunteers and Liturgical Ministers who have not attended an in person Virtus Workshop must register online at Virtus.org and a workshop by September 1, 2026.



Donations from Today's Baby Shower, hosted by St. Patrick's Committee for Life, go to support The Life Center of New York.

Founded in 1984, The Life Center of New York is dedicated to helping women who are in crisis pregnancy situations to make the choice for life through pro-life counseling that is informative, honest, and sensitive to the emotional needs of women.

The Life Center of New York operates and relies solely on donations and always welcome anyone in need of help. They are grateful for any donations you can make.

To learn more about The Life Center of New York Visit their website, <https://www.lifecenterofny.org>



2025 Spring Into Summer 50/50 Raffle

With over \$11,385 collected the 2026 Spring Into Summer was a huge success!

A big THANK YOU to our raffle sellers and all who participated !

Congratulations to our Winner, Steve McAteer!

Tickets for the **2026 Fall Into Cash 50/50 Raffle** go on sale on September 20th.