



Church of St. Patrick

Staten Island, New York

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Founded 1862

*You Are Invited To Celebrate Your Faith
Within Our Parish Community*

WORSHIP

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Evenings: Worship Center 4:00pm
Sundays Church: 8:00, 9:30am (children)
10:45 (choir), 12:00, 1:15, & 6:00pm
Weekdays Church: 9:00am
Vigil of Holy Days Church: 7:30pm
Holy Days Church: 9:00am & 7:30pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays - (Worship Center) from 3:00 to 3:45pm; also by appointment with one of the priests.

SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, ANOINTING OF THE SICK, MARRIAGE — information about these Sacraments is printed in the PARISH BULLETIN regularly. Please refer to it each week.

HEALING MASS once a month Tuesday, 8pm Worship Center - date to be announced.

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

SERVED BY:

Pastor: Msgr. Jeffrey P. Conway
Parochial Vicar: Rev. J. Victor Maynigo-Arenas
Pastor Emeritus: Msgr. John M. McCarthy
School Principal: Vincent Sadowski
Religious Ed. Coord.: Maria Giura, PhD
Parish Admin. Asst.: Suzanne Bruno
Parish Financial Officer: Judith Barravecchio
Director of Music: Glenn Kaiser
Superintendent: Thomas Murphy
Parish Trustees: Robert Higgins, James Pocchia
Parish Council Pres.: James Pocchia
Director of Athletics: Keith Wren

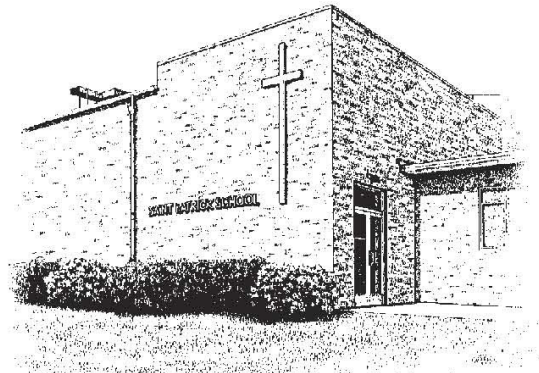
Rectory

53 St. Patrick's Place
Staten Island, N.Y. 10306
351-0044☎; 351-0824☎

Parish Office

3560 Richmond Road
Staten Island, N.Y. 10306
979-4227☎; 979-7637☎
parishadmin@stpatrickssi.org✉

NEW PARISHIONERS are invited to register at the Parish Office or online and to participate in our life of Prayer and Service.



St. Patrick School

School
3560 Richmond Road
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979-8815☎; 979-4984☎
schooloffice@stpatrickssi.org✉

Religious Education
3560 Richmond Road
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

READINGS FOR SUNDAY

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First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Baruch tells Jerusalem to rejoice because of God's plan to bring his exiled people back to Jerusalem. He emphasizes God's power and describes his plan to lower mountains and fill gorges to make their journey easier.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Paul encourages the Philippians to love each other completely. He hopes that their love and understanding will continue to grow so that they are prepared for the return of Christ.

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Luke describes the work John the Baptist carried out to help people prepare for the birth of Jesus. Luke also discusses who was in power at the time, which helped historians to figure out the exact dates of certain events, including Jesus' birth.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	
SAT. DEC. 8th	SAT. DEC. 15th
4:00pm H.Adams, T.Golden, M.Murphy	4:00pm J.Giambalvo, S.Roseo, S.Votta
SUN. DEC. 9th	SUN. DEC. 16th
8:00am C.Mariano, C.McDermott, L.Paglio	8:00am C.Mariano, G.Paulsen, L.Russo
9:30am T.Pane, R.Scalia, M.Trapani	9:30am J.Ladley, T.Pane, L.Taughner
10:45am E. & N. Angeles, L.Lopez	10:45am H.Gioia, K.Gioia
12:00pm L.Campione, J.Collini, P.Maffeo	12:00pm L.Campione, N.Ciaccio, J.Collini
1:15pm D.Bernstein, C.Capistrano, J.Strenta	1:15pm C.Capistrano, A.Passaro
6:00pm T.Cafiero	6:00pm T.Cafiero, M.Pellechia

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY
3rd Sunday of Advent
Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

LECTORS	
SAT. DEC. 8th	SAT. DEC. 15th
4:00pm Sharyn Roseo	4:00pm Sharyn Roseo
SUN. DEC. 9th	SUN. DEC. 16th
8:00am Bernadette Amato	8:00am Anthony Caruvana
9:30am Bill Haddad	9:30am Linda Matula
10:45am Michael Mistretta	10:45am Michael Mistretta
12:00pm Carl Ciaccio	12:00pm Carl Ciaccio
1:15pm Angelo Tomasetti	1:15pm Ananias Capistrano
6:00pm Theresa Cafiero	6:00pm Angelo Tomasetti

MASSES OF THE WEEK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2018..... **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9:00am Aurelio Roldan Mr. & Mrs. James Cummings
 12:00pm James Meehan Barbara & Patricia McGowan
 4:00pm Joseph Autovino Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018..... **2nd Sunday of Advent**

8:00am All Parishioners
 9:30am MaryAnn Sera Tricia Accardi
 10:45am Martha Leiner Ustler Family
 12:00pm Charles Romano Barbara & Carolyn Volpicello
 1:15pm Victor Lamberti Bruno & Balzofiore Families
 6:00pm Theresa Trapani Konert Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2018

9:00am Patrick O'Malley Robert & Joan Ernesto

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2018..... **St. Damasus I**

9:00am Micaele & Maria Minissale..... Barbara & Carolyn Volpicello

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2018..... **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

9:00am Lucy Grillo Pane Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2018..... **St. Lucy**

9:00am Peter McConnon, Sr..... Georgia McConnon

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2018..... **St. John of the Cross**

9:00am Rose Chillì Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2018

9:00am Neil F. Sweeney Sweeney Family
 4:00pm William McQuade MaryJane Kitover

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018..... **3rd Sunday of Advent**

8:00am All Parishioners
 9:30am Lawrence Devereux Devereux Family
 10:45am Donald S. Ustler Ustler Family
 12:00pm Charles P. Grochowski Ted & Marie Nabavi
 1:15pm Nicola Teutonico Fanizza Family
 6:00pm Natalie Geraci Paventi Family

ALTAR SERVERS	
SAT. DEC. 8th	SAT. DEC. 15th
4:00pm Isabella Roseo	4:00pm Anthony Giambalvo
SUN. DEC. 9th	SUN. DEC. 16th
8:00am Justin Guzman	8:00am
9:30am Andrew Haddad	9:30am Antonio Borrometi
10:45am M.Mistretta/S.Siracusa	10:45am Matthew Mistretta
12:00pm Carmine Cancro	12:00pm JT Neri
1:15pm	1:15pm Jake Salome
6:00pm Dominick Garcia	6:00pm Lauren Scimeca

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Sadie Antoci, Vera Biondo, Barbara Boscia, Rose Bruno, Linda Cangelosi, Maria Cardella, James & Kathy Chorman, Frances Codispodo, Josephine Corcoran; Mario Corso, Al & Joan Davidson, Edward Falcone, Anthony & Josephine Fioravante, Danny Fortunato, Phyllis Fortune, Lucette Gault, Herbert Gruberger, Mary Hanrahan, Jennifer Johnson, MaryJane Kitover, David Larkin, Michael Marano, Tom Matteo, Stephen Mendlovitz, Steven Morvello, Kristin O'Connor, John Palac, Lenny Paglio, Martha Pellechia, Avery Regan, Joel Rivera, AnnMarie Rovegno, Philip Savattere, Sr., Ciro & Rose Saverino, Guido Scalia, Madeline Struthers, Mary Sweeney and Anthony Terra. If you or a relative or anyone you know in your neighborhood is sick, or elderly and homebound, and needs a visit from a Priest, please call the Parish Office 718-979-4227.

SEVEN DAY VOTIVE CANDLES		
In Honor Of	Intended For	Requested By
HOLY FAMILY	<i>Macchiarola & LaCava</i>	LaCava Family
ST. PATRICK	<i>Martha Leiner</i>	Ustler Family
ST. ANTHONY	<i>Rose Fusaro</i>	Fusaro Family

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN SERVICE
 Spec. Edward Murphy, US Army

MASS CELEBRANTS	
SAT. DEC. 8th	SAT. DEC. 15th
4:00pm Msgr. Jeff	4:00pm Msgr. Jeff
SUN. DEC. 9th	SUN. DEC. 16th
8:00am Msgr. Jeff	8:00am Fr. Victor
9:30am Msgr. Jeff	9:30am Fr. Victor
10:45am Fr. Victor	10:45am Msgr. Jeff
12:00pm Fr. Victor	12:00pm Msgr. Jeff
1:15pm Msgr. Jeff	1:15pm Msgr. Jeff
6:00pm Msgr. Jeff	6:00pm Msgr. Jeff

REQUIREMENTS FOR BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is administered in the Church approximately every third Sunday at 2:15pm **OR** any Sunday during Mass. Once you have chosen a date and contacted the Parish Office, parents are **REQUIRED** to attend a Baptism Class in the Church held the first Monday every other month at 7:30pm. All necessary paperwork is available online with instructions and must be returned to the Parish Office **BEFORE** you attend the Baptism Class. The next **Baptism Class** is **Jan. 7th** and upcoming **Ceremonies** are **Dec. 16th – Jan. 13th – Feb. 17th – Mar. 17th – Apr. 28th – May 19th**.

REQUIREMENTS FOR MARRIAGE

To arrange for a wedding at St. Patrick, you must call the Parish Office at 718-979-4227 for an appointment with one of our priests at least 3 months before the date. Marriages are celebrated on Fridays at 3 & 4:30pm, Saturdays at 11am, 1 & 2:15pm, and Sundays at 3 & 4pm. There are no Nuptial Masses on Sundays.

INTERVENTION

If one of your relatives or friends has a problem with alcohol or drugs, you can call Msgr. Jeff.

12 STEP MEETINGS

- Overeaters Anonymous—**Wednesdays** from **7-8pm** in Conference Room.
- AA—**Thursdays** from **7-8pm** & **Sundays** from **11am-12:15pm** in Cafeteria.
- Al-Anon—**Thursdays** from **5:30-6:30pm** in Room 1-1.
- Couples AA—**Thursdays** from **8:30-9:30pm** in the Convent.
- Gambler's Anonymous—**Thursdays** from **8-9:30pm** in Room 1-1.
- Gam-Anon—**Thursdays** from **8-9:30pm** in Conference Room.
- Pills Anonymous—**Saturdays** from **6:30-7:30pm** in Room 1-1.

Cafeteria & Conference Room, enter through the main parking lot on Richmond Road & Kensico Street. Room 1-1, enter through the door on Richmond Road & McKinley Avenue.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

St. Patrick's Parish "New Day-Bereavement Group" meets every **Tuesday** in the Rectory at **10am**.

WOULD YOU MAKE A SIMPLE PRAYER COMMITMENT FOR A 1st HOLY COMMUNION OR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE?

St. Patrick's has 113 children who are candidates to receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation in the Spring of 2019. We're asking interested parishioners to take the name of a 1st Holy Communion or Confirmation candidate from the basket in the back of the church and to keep that child and the child's family in your prayers for the next six months. Your prayers can make a difference in the life of this child and their family as they prepare to receive their sacrament. For those willing to make this commitment, your prayers are all that are needed. Thank you!

PLEASE HELP US HELP THE POOR

Last Sunday the parishioners donated a total of **\$165.00** for the poor.

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS & FAMILIES!

Thank you so much to our generous Religious Education (R.E.) families who donated, for Thanksgiving, over 150 jars of jelly, loaves of bread, and boxes of Ziplocs to benefit One Sandwich At a Time. OSAAT partners with corporations and schools in making sandwiches that are distributed to soup kitchens, shelters, and to anyone in need of a meal. Our R.E. 5th–8th graders and their parents also made 1200 sandwiches for the hungry on **October 9th** which OSAAT & Project Hospitality helped deliver to the hungry on Staten Island. Thank you and God bless everyone involved!

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Our Lady of Guadalupe
(Feast: December 12th)

The feast in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe goes back to the 16th century. Chronicles of that period tell us the story.

A poor Indian named Cuauhtlatohuac was baptized and given the name Juan Diego. He was a 57-year-old widower and lived in a small village near Mexico City. On Saturday morning, December 9, 1531, he was on his way to a nearby barrio to attend Mass in honor of Our Lady.

He was walking by a hill called Tepeyac when he heard beautiful music like the warbling of birds. A radiant cloud appeared and within it a young Native American maiden dressed like an Aztec princess. The lady spoke to him in his own language and sent him to the bishop of Mexico, a Franciscan named Juan de Zumarraga. The bishop was to build a chapel in the place where the lady appeared.

Eventually the bishop told Juan Diego to have the lady give him a sign. About this same time Juan Diego's uncle became seriously ill. This led poor Diego to try to avoid the lady. The lady found Diego, nevertheless, assured him that his uncle would recover and provided roses for Juan to carry to the bishop in his cape or tilma.

When Juan Diego opened his tilma in the bishop's presence, the roses fell to the ground and the bishop sank to his knees. On Juan Diego's tilma appeared an image of Mary exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac. It was December 12, 1531.

Comment: Mary's appearance to Juan Diego as one of his people is a powerful reminder that Mary and the God who sent her accept all peoples. In the context of the sometimes rude and cruel treatment of the Indians by the Spaniards, the apparition was a rebuke to the Spaniards and an event of vast significance for Native Americans. While a number of them had converted before this incident, they now came in droves. According to a contemporary chronicler, nine million Indians became Catholic in a very short time. In these days when we hear so much about God's preferential option for the poor, Our Lady of Guadalupe cries out to us that God's love for and identification with the poor is an age-old truth that stems from the Gospel itself.

Quote: Mary to Juan Diego: "My dearest son, I am the eternal Virgin Mary, Mother of the true God, Author of Life, Creator of all and Lord of the Heavens and of the Earth...and it is my desire that a church be built here in this place for me, where, as your most merciful Mother and that of all your people, I may show my loving clemency and the compassion that I bear to the Indians, and to those who love and seek me..." (from an ancient chronicle).

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

The **Giving Trees** are in the rear of the church and school lobby and will remain up until all of the tags are taken. The Giving Tree will allow three charities on Staten Island to make some of our less fortunate neighbors have a merrier Christmas! Thank you in advance for your generosity! Please return all gifts to the Parish Office, Church or Rectory by **December 18th**.

A COFFEE A DAY FOR OUR PARISH

Our parish's campaign to increase our offertory collection is still ongoing. So far, we have increased our offertory by 31% which brought in an extra \$1,000 for our parish's needs. We need everyone to participate in this important effort. By participating in **A Coffee a Day for our Parish**, you will help us continue providing the services and ministries that make this community vibrant. This campaign will allow us to live on. Please join your fellow parishioners and participate in this vital campaign to increase our regular offertory.

SETON FOUNDATION FOR LEARNING

Next weekend representatives from the Seton Foundation for Learning, a program for developmentally disabled children and young adults ages 3 to 21 years will be selling raffle tickets for \$5,000 cash at the doors of the Church. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Please support this very worthy program.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL FOOD PANTRY

Dear Msgr. Jeff and Parishioners, Thank you very much for your generous support this Thanksgiving season and throughout the year. Your food brought to us by Susan and Joanne helps us to feed the hungry on Staten Island. On behalf of the pantry volunteers at OLG Food Pantry, we thank you with assisting us with our mission to help the needy. May God bless you and your families always.

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018

AA Meeting 11am-12pm Pristavec Cafeteria

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2018

Cheer 2:30-4:45pm McCarthy Gym

Youth Choir 2:30-3:30pm Worship Center

Basketball 4:45-11pm McCarthy Gym

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2018

School Reconciliation Gr. 5&6 10-11am Worship Center

School Reconciliation Gr. 7&8 11am-12pm Worship Center

Religious Ed Classes 1st – 8th Grades 3:45-5:15pm Classrooms

Basketball 4:45-11pm McCarthy Gym

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2018

55+ Club 1:30-4:30pm Pristavec Cafeteria

Cheer 2:30-4:30pm McCarthy Gym

Basketball 4:45-11pm McCarthy Gym

Boy Scouts 6-9pm Cafeteria

Bible Study 7-8pm Rectory

Overeaters Anonymous 7-8pm Meeting Room

RCIA Meeting 7pm Conference Room

Adult Choir 7:15-9:15pm Church

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2018

Basketball 4:45-11pm McCarthy Gym

Al-Anon Meeting 5:30-6:30pm Meeting Room

AA Meeting 7-8pm Cafeteria

Gambler's Anonymous 8pm-9:30pm Meeting Room

Couples AA Meeting 8:30-9:30pm Convent

Gam-Anon 8-9:30pm Conference Room

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2018

Cheer 2:30-4:30pm McCarthy Gym

Girl Scout Troop 8th Grade 3:15-4:45pm Pristavec Cafeteria

Cub Scouts Meeting 6-9pm Cafeteria

Eucharistic Adoration 7-8pm Church

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2018

Basketball Shootin School Clinic 9am-11am McCarthy Gym

Pills Anonymous 6:30-7:30pm Meeting Room

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018

AA Meeting 11am-12pm Pristavec Cafeteria

Baptisms 2:15pm Church

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn For each car, truck, or van running or not the Associated Vincentian Charities will give back to your parish \$75/\$200 per vehicle. If you, a family member, or friend have an old or neglected vehicle that is not being used, please call 718-491-2525 or svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org. IRS tax deduction, free towing any condition.

Saint Francis Catholic Singles (SFCS) (those in their 30s, 40s, and 50s) will have their 18th annual **Christmas Dinner** on **Friday, December 14th** at **7:30pm** at Café Bella Vita located at 1919 Hylan Blvd., Staten Island. Price is \$40pp and includes four course meal. All payments must be postmarked by Monday December 10th and mail **CHECKS** made out to **CASH** (with SFCS Christmas Party in memo box) with your name, number and email to: St. Christopher Parish; Attn SFCS Christmas Party; 130 Midland Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10306. For more information email us at sfcssi@gmail.com.

Archdiocese Employment Opportunity Are you a fundraising professional with a passion for the Catholic Church? The Archdiocese of New York development office is hiring a Planned Giving Manager, who will play a crucial role in establishing legacy giving for parishes, schools, and the wider Church. If you have planned giving or paralegal experience and are excited about engaging pastors and parishioners, please reach out to Elaine Filimon at eaf@filimonpartners.com.

Empowering Voices an evening of celebration when we honor those who make a difference, including Msgr. Jeff, and especially inspire others to do the same. After dinner we provide the audience with a very entertaining revue performed by Illuminat Touring Company on **Sunday, January 13, 2019** at the Old Bermuda Inn, 301 Veterans Road West, Staten Island at 5pm.

COLLECTION FOR RETIRED RELIGIOUS

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously to today's second collection.

CLUSTER CIRCLE

Holy Child, 4747 Amboy Road, 10312 (718-356-5890)

Ave Maria Gift Shop-Sat.; 4-7pm, Sun.; 8am-2pm; 1st Sun.; 5-6:30pm

Widow's Conversation Group-Tuesday; 1:30pm; Fellowship Room

Youth Group-Sunday (Selected); 6:30pm; Rectory/Conf. Room

Our Lady Queen of Peace, 90 Third Street, 10306 (718-351-1093)

Eucharistic Adoration-Daily: 6-7am, Sundays: 6:30-7:30am &

1st Fridays: 9am to 9pm; Church

Baptism Classes-4th Thursday; 8pm; Rectory; Meeting Room

Legion of Mary-Thursdays; 7:30pm; Church

Cenacle of Life-Fridays 4-5pm; Chapel

Charismatic Prayer Group-2nd Friday; 7:30-9pm

St. Charles, 644 Clawson Street, 10306 (718-987-2670)

Adult Faith Formation-Wednesday; 1:30pm; Rectory

Baptism Classes-1st Tuesday; 8pm; Rectory Basement

Bereavement Group-Thursdays; 7:30pm; Rectory

Book Club-3rd Thursday; 4pm; Rectory Basement

Caregivers Support Group-Thurs. ; 9:30-11:30am; Rectory Basement

Eucharistic Adoration-Mon-Fri; 12-5pm; Chapel

Food Pantry-Tues.-2nd & 4th; 11:30am-1:30pm; Rectory Basement

Legion of Mary-Mondays; 6:30pm; Rectory Basement

Prayer Group & Holy Hour-1st Monday; 7:30pm; Church

St. Vincent de Paul Society-2nd Tues.; 1:30pm; Rectory Basement

Teen Club-Sunday; Sunday; 7pm; Auditorium

Women's Worship-3rd Wednesday; 7:30pm; Rectory Basement

St. Clare's Church, 110 Nelson Ave, 10308 (718-984-7873)

Catholic Daughters of America-1st Tues.; 12noon; Murphy Center

Employment- One-on-one employment advisement, 718-984-7873

Venture Crew 41-Thurs., 7-9pm; Call Richard Ricco 917-803-5669

St. Patrick's Church, 53 St. Patrick's Place, 10306 (718-979-4227)

55+ Club – Wednesdays, Pristavec Cafeteria, 1:30-4:30pm

Baptismal Class – 1st Monday; Church; 7:30pm

Bereavement Group – Tuesday, Rectory, 10am & 7:30pm

Bible Study – Wednesdays, Rectory, 7pm

Book Club (in homes) – Contact Parish Office

Cancer Support Group – Please call Parish Office for Appointment

Divorced & Separated Group – Thursday, Rectory; 7pm **TBA Spring 2019**

Eucharistic Adoration – Fridays; Church; 7pm

Healing Mass – Tuesday, Worship Center, 8pm; **12/18/18**

Pre-Cana Class – Sunday; School Building; 8am-4pm; **TBA**

RCIA – Wednesdays; Conference Room; 7-8pm, For those Enrolled

Woman's Prayer Group – Thursday; St. Charles; 7:30pm **11/21/18**