



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
Pastoral Associate: Sr. Mary Ferro, S.S.D.
Pastoral Assistants: Sr. Rose Lynch, S.S.D.
Sr. Cecilia Ferro, S.S.D.
Sr. Rita DeMasco, S.S.D.
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

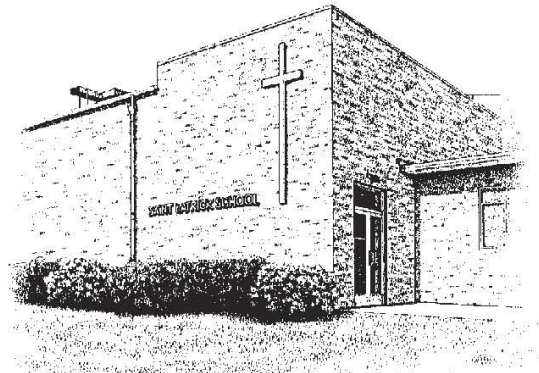
Rectory

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
Staten Island, N.Y. 10306
979-8815☎; 979-4984☎
schooloffice@stpatrickssi.org✉

Convent

3535 Richmond Road
Staten Island, N.Y. 10306
987-6315☎; 979-6956☎

Religious Education

3560 Richmond Road
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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

READINGS FOR SUNDAY

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DECEMBER 3, 2017

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17, 19b; 64:2b-7

In this straightforward psalm, the people acknowledge their sinful ways, yet plead that their Creator might reveal himself to them. They ask God to remember, not their sins, but that "We are all the work of your hands."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Paul explains to the Corinthians that they are specially favored by God who has sent his only Son to them. He reminds us all that it was through God's grace that we have been called to kinship with Christ.

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Just as a servant watching over the master's house does not know when he will return, we do not know the hour of the Second Coming. Mark reminds us of the warning from Jesus to always be on guard, for we know not the day nor the hour.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY-2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

MASSES OF THE WEEK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2017

9:00am Salvatore Profaci St. Patrick's Sunshine Club
 4:00pm Joseph Autovino Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017 1st Sunday of Advent

8:00am All Parishioners
 9:30am George Farruggio Family
 10:45am Leonard Salud & Katrina DeSimone
 Dave & Camille McDermott
 12:00pm Sebastian & Mary Russo Russo Family
 1:15pm Evelyn Hannon Siracusa Family
 6:00pm Thomas Venino Peras Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2017 St. John Damascene

9:00am Geraldine Hertzfel Warren & Karen Gunsch & Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017

9:00am Stephen McFeeley McFeeley Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017 St. Nicholas

9:00am Dominick Esposito Angie Esposito

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2017 St. Ambrose

9:00am Eileen McGarry MaryJane Kitorov
 7:30pm (Vigil) Leonardo Salud & Katrina DeSimone
 Suzanne Bruno

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2017 Immaculate Conception of the

..... Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am All Parishioners
 7:30pm Cornelius F. Purcell Andrew & Noramay Purcell

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2017 St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

9:00am Edward Gannon Gannon Family
 4:00pm Joseph & Lena Guasto Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Cavataio

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:00am All Parishioners
 9:30am Leonard Salud Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Pane
 10:45am Rita Lento Mr. & Mrs. William Taugher
 12:00pm Jane Higgins Siracusa Family
 1:15pm Albert L. Piccirillo Family
 6:00pm Edith Borruso John Negron & Maria Cosares

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF
 THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

December 8th is The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be a **Vigil Mass** on **December 7th** at **4:00pm** in the Church and **Mass** on **December 8th** at **9:00am** and **7:30pm** in the Church. There will be a Mass for the children of St. Patrick School during school hours.

MASS CELEBRANTS

SAT., DEC. 2, 2017	MASS	SAT., DEC. 9, 2017
Msgr. Jeff	4:00pm	Msgr. Jeff
SUN., DEC. 3, 2017	MASS	SUN., DEC. 10, 2017
Fr. Victor	8:00pm	Msgr. Jeff
Fr. Victor	9:30am	Fr. Victor
Msgr. Jeff	10:45am	Fr. Victor
Msgr. Jeff	12:00pm	Msgr. Jeff
Msgr. Jeff	1:15pm	Msgr. Jeff
Msgr. Jeff	6:00pm	Msgr. Jeff

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

SAT., DEC. 2, 2017	MASS	SAT., DEC. 9, 2017
M.Martinelli, S.Roseo, S.Votta	4:00pm	L.Hopkins, M.Martinelli, S.Roseo
SUN., DEC. 3, 2017	MASS	SUN., DEC. 10, 2017
C.McDermott, T.Norris, G.Paulsen	8:00am	M.Digilio, C.Mariano, L.Russo
M.Ranieri, R.Scalia, M.Trapani	9:30am	D.Haddad, T.Pane, L.Taugher
E.Angeles, N.Angeles, J.Ladley	10:45am	C.Buckley, H.Ustler, T.Scaramuzzo
C.Capistrano, A.Passaro, M.Wallace	12:00pm	L.Campione, N.Ciaccio, A.McComiskey
D.Bernsetin, C.Fanelli, J.Strenta	1:15pm	D.Bernstein, R.DeGregorio, L.Paglio
G.Angilletta, L.Convery-Lopez, J.Giambalvo	6:00pm	I.Iorio, J.Nell, A.Passaro

LECTOR SCHEDULE

SAT., DEC. 2, 2017	MASS	SAT., DEC. 9, 2017
Joe Peppe	4:00pm	Jesse Martinelli
SUN., DEC. 3, 2017	MASS	SUN., DEC. 10, 2017
Anthony Caruvana	8:00am	Ellen Mitchell
Elizabeth Basile	9:30am	Meghan Haddad
Peter Razzano	10:45am	Maria Giura
Ananias Capistrano	12:00pm	Carl Ciaccio
Bill Haddad	1:15pm	Bernadette Amato
Linda Matula	6:00pm	

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

SAT., DEC. 2, 2017	MASS	SAT., DEC. 9, 2017
C.Roseo, I.Roseo	4:00pm	C.Roseo, I.Roseo
SUN., DEC. 3, 2017	MASS	SUN., DEC. 10, 2017
A.Borrometi, J.Guzman	8:00am	J.Guzman, JT Neri
J.Aguirre, M.Aguirre	9:30am	A.Borrometi, A.Haddad
T.Burgos, C.Cancro	10:45am	T.Burgos, S.Siracusa
J.Bencivenga, JT Neri	12:00pm	C.Baldwin, J.Bencivenga
A.Haddad, A.Marino	1:15pm	L.Callahan, A.Marino
A.Giambalvo, M.Rosario	6:00pm	D.Garcia, M.Rosario

SEVEN DAY VOTIVE CANDLES

In Honor Of	Intended For	Requested By
SANCTUARY LAMP	Fr. John Boyle	Ustler Family
ST. PATRICK	Frances Proimas	Ustler Family
ST. ANTHONY	Macchiarola & LaCava	LaCava Family

FUNERAL MASS

The parish family of St. Patrick's offers our sincere condolences to the family of the deceased: **Frank Cirencione** and **Frances Mastandrea**

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN SERVICE
Lt. Daniel Abell, Army Corp of Engineers

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Jillian Cannon, James & Kathy Chorman, Keith Coran, Josephine Corcoran; Vera Saverino-Coranto, Carmella Dacunto, Al & Joan Davidson, Edward Falcone, Anthony & Josephine Fioravante, Diane Gibbons, Herbert Gruberger, Michael Hanley, Mary Hanrahan, Jennifer Johnson, Sr. Rose Lynch, Michael Marano, Maria Minnuno, Tom Matteo, Msgr. John M. McCarthy, Giselle McGee, Lori McNamara, Steven Morvello, Lenny Paglio, Natalie Pedri, Martha Pellechia, Jerry Pompa, Avery Regan, Phillip Savattere, Sr. Tina Sarcone, Ciro & Rose Saverino, Theresa Trapani. 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.

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 **January 8th** and upcoming **Ceremonies** are **Dec. 17th – Jan 14th – Feb. 18th**

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.

ST. PATRICK'S 300 CLUB

The club congratulates the winners of the 300 Club, which was held on **December 1st**.

(#37) \$50.00	(#296) \$25.00
(#138) \$15.00	(#89) \$10.00

PLEASE HELP US HELP THE POOR

Last Sunday the parishioners donated a total of **\$167.00** for the poor.

55+ CLUB

The St. Patrick's 55+ Club meets on **Wednesdays** from 1:30-4:30pm in the School Cafeteria. For more information, contact Ed or Joan Brett at 718-987-8958.

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 are held on **Wednesdays** from **7-8pm** in the School Conference Room

AA Meetings are held **Thursdays** from **7-8pm** & **Sundays** from **11am-12:15pm** in the School Cafeteria.

Al-Anon Meetings are held **Thursdays** from **5:30-6:30pm** in Room 1-1.

Gambler's Anonymous Meetings are held **Thursdays** from **8-9:30pm** in Room 1-1.

Gam-Anon Meetings are held **Thursdays** from **8-9:30pm** in the Conference Room.

Pills Anonymous Meetings are held **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.

FEAST OF THE WEEK

St. Nicholas (December 6th)

A word about a neglected Friend – Nicholas of Myra also known as Nicholas of Bari – and the remote ancestor of Knickerbocker Dutch Santa Claus. He surely has a sense of humor. Millions see him as an overweight myth-managing reindeers and he must enjoy the chimney story.

Nicholas was a bright man of affairs. He was quite real - a bishop in Antolia (modern Turkey) and lived in the 200 and 300's. He became so popular, over a thousand years that more Churches were named for him than any other saint, except for Our Lady. And there was good reason.

First a word about early saints. The reality of almost all of them is beyond doubt. In the 1960's when the Holy See thinned the number of saints commemorated at Mass, the media mocked the reality of the ancient saints. Christians did not make up saints. There was a thrilling over supply of martyrs and confessors. Over centuries of storytelling some details became attached to the wrong saints...but the reality of the persons is beyond question.

Nicholas was a young priest when the emperor Constantine made Christianity legal (313 A.D.) and able to function openly. It was a heady moment, and there was evidence that Nicholas was at the first Church Council of Nicea in 325, which reaffirmed the full divinity of Christ.

Nicholas was extraordinarily popular because the people in the Church were, in a manner of speaking, waiting for him,

The stories of his goodness were popular because they reflected the kind of man he was, so needed then and now. From the days of the apostles, many bishops had been uncertain of what kind of leadership the people needed. Some fled the Roman world, others tried to recreate paradise, and many were theologians, preachers, builders and administrators.

In Nicholas, the people found a bishop who loved them personally and devoted his life to their care and protection. Their delight in his paternal care led to his fame. The stories reflect his honesty, courage and, above all, his manly watchfulness and actions.

In those rough Roman times, a man in debt lost everything to his creditors, including his children who could be sold into slavery of various forms, not excluding prostitution. Three young girls were in that danger. Nicholas dropped through the smoke hole of the roof with money for three dowries for their marriages and safety from the creditors.

Surely he did that more than once. When his town of Myra was threatened with famine, he went himself to bargain with the neighboring town for grain. He didn't fuss, he moved.

When an imperial general was falsely accused, he went to the Emperor to plead for justice...a dangerous thing to do. If he failed, he might have been thought a conspirator and executed.

Young students on the way from Syria to study in Greece were robbed and beaten by an innkeeper. Nicholas rescued them. A version has him bringing them back to life. Perhaps God did.

A story has him catching a baby who slipped from his tub, out a second story window. Nicholas caught him.

No one made up these stories. They are ancient memories of the first bishop we know who made the vigilant love of the people his vocation as bishop.

You may visit his venerated tomb in Bari to which place Italian merchants brought his remains when the Moslems overran Anatolia.

Yes, he was a model of Santa Claus as Clement Clarke Moore made him. And why not? What child would not have loved and trusted the real Nicholas?

May Saint Nicholas pray for the children of our world-as rough and dangerous, as was his own.

SCHOOL RAFFLE

If anyone is interested in purchasing a chance or a chance book for the school raffle being held on **March 10, 2018** after the **4pm** Mass, please come to the school office. The cost is \$10.00 per chance or you may purchase a book for \$250.00. The first prize is \$5,000; 2nd Prize: \$1,000; 3rd Prize: \$500. Thank you for helping support our school.

ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL - TOURING TUESDAY

If you are considering a Catholic Elementary School for your child, please schedule an appointment to visit St. Patrick's School on **Touring Tuesday, December 5th**, from **9 to 10am**. Touring Tuesdays are universal open houses scheduled throughout the school year at Catholic elementary schools across the Archdiocese of New York. Please call our School at 718-979-8815 to register.

RETIRED RELIGIOUS COLLECTION

Your donation works for aging religious. "I read that roughly 95 percent of donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious aid senior religious," a donor writes. "That's wonderful when we truly want our donations to *work*." Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime. Please give generously to next week's collection.

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017

Basketball 8am-10pm Gym
AA Meeting 11am-12pm Cafeteria

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2017

School Advent Service 8:15am Worship Center
Reconciliation School Grades 3 & 4 10am Worship Center
Biddy Cheer 2:30-4:30pm Gym
Youth Choir 2:30-3:40pm Worship Center
Basketball Practice 5-10pm Gym

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017

Touring Tuesday 9-10am School Building
Basketball Practice 2:30-10pm Gym
Religious Ed Classes 1-8 3:45-5:15pm Classrooms
Reconciliation Rel. Ed. Grades 3-8 4-5:15pm Worship Center
Youth Choir at Barnes & Noble 5-7pm Outside Venue
RCIA Meeting 7pm Classroom

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017

55+ Club 1:30-4:30pm Cafeteria
Debs Cheer Practice 2:30-5pm Gym
Basketball Practice 5-10pm Gym
Boy Scout Troop 25 Meeting 6-9pm Cafeteria
Bible Study 7-8pm Rectory
Overeaters Anonymous 7-8pm Library
Adult Choir 7:15-9:15pm Church

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2017

Basketball Practice 2:30-10pm Gym
Al-Anon Meeting 5:30-6:30pm Meeting Room
AA Meeting 7-8pm Cafeteria
Divorced & Separated 7-8pm Rectory
Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass 7:30pm Church
Gambler's Anonymous 8pm-9:30pm Meeting Room
Gam-Anon 8-9:30pm Library

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2017

Immaculate Conception Mass 9am Church
Immaculate Conception Mass School Students 10am School
Basketball Practice 2:30-10pm Gym
Girl Scouts 2:30-3:30pm Cafeteria
Cub Scouts 6-9pm Cafeteria
Immaculate Conception Mass 7:30pm Church

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2017

Basketball Clinic 7:30-11am Gym
Breakfast with Santa at Grand Oaks 10am-1pm Outside Venue
Basketball 12-2:30pm & 5-10pm Gym
Pills Anonymous 6:30-7:30pm Library

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017

Basketball 8am-10pm Gym
AA Meeting 11am-12pm Cafeteria

DIVORCED AND SEPARATED GROUP

The Divorced and Separated Group meets every other **Thursday** at **7pm** in the Rectory, the meetings will **resume in February**. Check the bulletin in January for the February meeting date.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

St. Francis Catholic Singles (SFCS) (for those in their 30s, 40s, and 50s) on **Friday, December 15th** at **7:30pm** will have their Annual Christmas Dinner at Café Bella Vita, 1919 Hylan Blvd. Price is \$ 40.00 per person and includes four course meal. All payments must be postmarked by December 11th. Mail CHECKS made out to CASH (with SFCS Christmas Party in memo box) with your name, number and email to: Holy Family Parish; Attn Singles Christmas Party; 366 Watchogue Road; SI, NY 10314. For more information, check our website: www.sgspsi.org, find us on Fb/StFrancisCatholicSingles, or email sfcssi@gmail.com. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy for a child 3 to 14 years of age to benefit the East Shore Parishes of Staten Island.

March for Life Join us on **Friday, January 19th, 2018** for the 24th Annual National Memorial for the Preborn and their Mothers and Fathers at the historic DAR Constitution Hall, 1776 D Street, NW (18th & D Street) a short walk to Rally, from **8:30-10:30am**. Free admission, no tickets required, Large groups welcomed. The Homilist will be Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director, Priests for Life.

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

Bible Study w/Fr. Ed-Monday; 7:30-9:00pm; Small Conf./Rectory

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

Youth Group-Sunday; 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

Kenacle 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; 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, Cafeteria, 1:30-4:30pm;

Bereavement Group - Tuesdays, Rectory, 7:30pm

Bible Study - Wednesdays, Rectory, 7pm;

Baptismal Class - 1st Monday; Church; 7:30pm; 1/15/18

Cancer Support Group - Please call Parish Office for Appointment

Divorced & Separated Group - Thursdays, Rectory; 7pm

Eucharistic Adoration - Fridays, Church, 7-8pm

Healing Mass - Tues., Worship Center, 8pm; 12/19/17

Parish Renewal Tues, Weds & Thurs; 10am, 7pm, 7:30pm Parish Homes

Pre-Cana Class - Sunday (one-day); School Building; 11am-6pm; TBA

RCIA - Sundays, Rectory; 10:45am (after Mass) For those Enrolled

Woman's Prayer Group - Thursday; Rectory; 7pm; TBA