

St. Patrick's Cathedral is in New York City, New York. Work began in 1858 but, was halted during the [Civil War](#) and resumed in 1865. The cathedral was completed in 1878 and dedicated on May 25, 1879. The spires were added in 1888, and at 329 feet and 6 inches were the tallest structures in New York City and the second highest in the United States. An extensive restoration of the cathedral took place between 2012 and 2015 at a cost of \$177 million.



The [bronze](#) doors, each measuring 16.5 by 5.5 feet and weighs 9,200 pounds are at the main entrance to the church and are decorated with [relief](#) sculptures representing six people, including three women, with inscriptions indicating their significance to the cathedral and with particular focus on missionary work and assistance for migrants. [St. Joseph](#), "patron of the church" (top left). [St. Patrick](#), "patron of this church" (top right). [St. Isaac Jogues](#) Martyr, "first Catholic priest in New York" (middle left). [St. Frances X Cabrini](#), "mother of the immigrant" (middle right). The founder of the [Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus](#), an organization which supported Italians migrating to the US. [St. Kateri Tekakwitha](#), "lily of the Mohawks" (bottom left). The first Native American woman to be canonized by the Catholic Church. [Mother Elizabeth Seton](#), "daughter of New York" (bottom right). Whose family were among the earliest European settlers to the area, and first native-born U.S. citizen to be [canonized](#). The cathedral and associated buildings were listed on the [National Register of Historic Places](#) and declared a [National Historic Landmark](#) in 1976.



St. Patrick's Cathedral poinsettias on Christmas Day.