



**Saint Patrick Catholic Church
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We are in Communion with the Charismatic Episcopal Church

An international Catholic denomination

Love God ♦ Love Neighbor ♦ Make Disciples

Saint Patrick’s is a welcoming Catholic Community.
The church is accessible to wheel chairs with assistance.

Fourth Sunday in Lent – March 11, 2018

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Sunday Masses 8:30 and 10:30 am
coffee hour follows both Sunday Masses
Wednesday evenings at 6:45
Holy Day Mass 7:00 pm or as announced

Pastoral Staff

Father Roger H Durand, Pastor
Rev. Noel Sanchez, Deacon
Justin Kisch – Parish Musician
Elizabeth Sanchez – Religious Education
Patti Demarest – Office Assistant
(Office open weekdays 10am – 2pm)

Sacramental Information

Baptism

Congratulations! At the family's convenience
after consultation with the Pastor
usually during a weekend Mass

Marriage

Congratulations! Celebrated at the couple's
convenience after consultation with the Pastor

First Communion / Confirmation

Celebrated annually following
appropriate instruction

Anointing and Pastoral Care of the Sick

Home, hospital, nursing home visits gladly
made upon notification by the family

Parish Membership

We welcome you to join our
growing parish family!
Registration Cards available at church entrance
Offering envelopes available as desired

Celiac Disease

We gladly provide Gluten Free (99%)
Host for Communion if needed
Please speak with the Pastor before Mass

Cry Area

We welcome all children, but should a child become
difficult, feel free to take the child to the baptistery area.

Text Message Feedback Line

(401) 345 9934

We want your feedback – Good and Bad

YOU ARE WELCOMED No matter what your church status, your current family or marital situation, no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, and regardless of personal worthiness; YOU are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here.

Thank you today for joining us!

Please look to the “Hymn Board” to the front left.

The Upper left number on the board refers to the Mass Readings from the *Red Worship Book*

Hymns numbered on RED refer to the same *Worship Book*

Hymns on TAN refer to the tan *We Celebrate Book*

Reflections on the weekend Scriptures

2 Chronicles 36:14–16, 19–23 Psalm 137, Ephesians 2:4–10; John 3:14–21

Salvation is a gift, freely given by God. We cannot achieve salvation on our own, no matter how good we are. In fact, it is because we are sinful that we have been given the gift of redemption. Jesus, after all, died for us sinners. From the people of Judah, who “added infidelity to infidelity” (2 Chronicles 36:14), through the people of Paul’s time, “dead in our transgressions” (Ephesians 2:5), to us today, it is impossible to be beyond the boundless love and salvific power of God.

In many ways, this specific passage from the Gospel of John is the summary of the entire book: that God’s love for us has no bounds. After all, we were created in God’s own image. God repeatedly rescued humanity from the consequences of sin and evil. Through God’s Son, we freely have been given the ultimate gift of salvation. We can be a hopeful people, for throughout all of human history, God’s boundless love has saved us.

Nicodemus had heard of the miracles Jesus had performed and was curious. But he is not a believer as yet, indicated by the fact that he comes to meet Jesus at night, privately. Jesus engages with Nicodemus and they discuss faith and new birth. Significantly, this passage ends with a lesson about living in the light. In approaching Jesus, who is the “light of the world” (John 8:12), Nicodemus “comes to the light” (John 3:21) and is not only enlightened, but also is led gently to true faith.

Question of the Week

What do I do in the darkness that needs to be brought into the light? Is it something that can stand the glare of truth or is it something that I need to stop doing?

Next Week’s Readings

Jeremiah 31:31–34; Psalm 51; Hebrews 5:7–9; John 12:20–33

Announced Masses

Sanctuary Light Memorial – In Prayer for the Soul Theresa Chamberland by the Chatelle Family

03/10	5:00	Soul of Fr. Leon Maynard	
03/11	8:30	Souls of John and Paula Galvin	
	10:30	Soul of Clara Frio	
03/14	6:45	Soul of Joseph Voccio	By Dot Collins
03/17	5:00	Soul of Fr. David Andrade	
03/18	8:30	Souls of John and Paula Galvin	
	10:30	In Thanksgiving for 18 years!	
03/21	6:45	Soul of Fr. Vern DeCoteau	

Parish Activities and Announcements

Do we earn heaven? It is an interesting thought, isn’t it? Trying to live life as a disciple of Christ, caring for others, trying our best to sin as little as possible, and receiving forgiveness for whatever sins we may have committed. Going out of our way to always be charitable. Going the extra mile whenever we commit to helping someone else, regardless of being thanked or not. Yes, we certainly can try very hard in this life and accomplish good along the way. We can live a life of dedication and hard work and even set an outstanding example for others to follow and with all of this, we cannot “earn” heaven. Eternal life is a pure gift given to each of us by God whose selection is as much a mystery as the incarnation itself. Yet, it is freely given to each of us and still St. John’s “verdict” rings clear for each of us

From the Pastor’s Desk

as we all have been given the gift of the light and so many prefer the darkness. It is the gift of the Light of Christ which changes us, transforms us and in the end, saves us. God bless *Fr. Roger*

Season of Lent During this season of repentance, we will send out by email a list of simple ideas to bring about personal conversion, a calendar showing a daily action item to enhance your prayer life and a complete parish calendar of Lenten events. If you need written copies of these items, ask us and will be happy to provide them for you. We want to work with you to make this lent beneficial to your spiritual life.



Saint Patrick Day Dinner Our Annual celebration will take place at the Rosario Club on Sunday, March 18th from 2 – 5 in the afternoon. Cost is \$19/13 and tickets are available right now at each Mass and from the office during the week...let's celebrate our parish anniversary together!



Parish Support We remain grateful to those of you who support the parish when unable to attend Mass. We are an active parish supporting many ministries, needs, and social services within our community. Thank you for your generosity.

Lenten Devotions Friday 7pm To aid in our spiritual growth, we retrace Our Lord's Way of the Cross and prayerfully honor the exposed presence of the Lord in Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament each Friday of Lent at 7pm. *Join us on our journey!*

Pot-O-Gold Raffle Our Annual Saint Patrick's Day Split the Pot Raffle will be drawn at the dinner on March 18th. Tickets are now available and have been distributed. Please make returns quickly and as always, cost remains at \$1.00 a ticket to benefit the parish. May you have the luck of the Irish!



Anniversary Committee St Patrick's continues to grow and touch lives. What started modestly back in 2000 is quickly approaching its 18th anniversary as a parish. As such we are looking for volunteers to help plan and mark our 20th year as a special one. If you are interested in helping plan events and activities to commemorate our 20th year (which starts in March 2019) please contact Adrien Mercure (adrien.mercure@gmail.com) or Geri Bergreen (tbgeri@aol.com). So many thanks!

Overcomers Retreat Fr. John Van Haelen has tentatively scheduled a 12-Step oriented retreat for October 25 – 27th in Connecticut. Information is available on the bulletin board and right now, we are looking for interest from among our parish and friends for this retreat. If you feel it interests you, please let Patti know in the office by email or call and Fr. John will be in touch with you. **Updated**

Social Media / Web Site We are seeking assistance with a "make over" of our website and assistance with managing Social Media We will be hiring soon for both and are seeing your impute and suggestions.

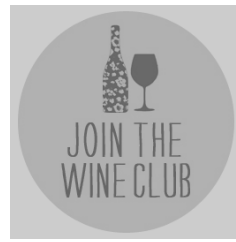
Special Collection The special collection taken up during the month of March will be used to assist the parish in our utility expenses. Please be generous.

Dunkin Donuts Gift Cards are now on sale
For face value of \$10.00. Sales benefit the parish

Anointing of the Sick / Holy Hour of Adoration
Sunday, March 1st following the 10:30 Mass
Anointing is available at any time by request



Wine Club Our next wine club meeting will be on **Saturday, March 10th following the 5pm Mass** and will be an open format welcoming anyone wishing to join the club. This month, it will be hosted by the Frank Rainone and will feature Pinot Grigio wine. The event is pot-luck and we ask that you bring some food stuffs. Wine is provided by the host. A great opportunity to learn a bit and enjoy each other's company.



Musical "Notes" from Justin The anthem is "**Great is Thy Mercy.**" The music is adapted from the aria "Lascia ch'io pianga" ("Leave Me to Weep"), from Handel's opera *Rinaldo*, with lyrics by E.J. Lorenz. Although Handel is best known today for *Messiah*, during his lifetime he was better known for writing Italian operas (even though he was a German composer, living in England).

✠ *In your charity please remember our deceased* ✠
parishioner
Clara Frio (3/26)
Eternal Rest grant unto her, O Lord

Wednesday Evenings at Saint Patrick's
Religious Education at 6:00 & Mass at 6:45
Bible Study at 7:15
Religious Ed Schedule at this link:
<http://freepdfhosting.com/9feb17dec7.pdf>

Parish Prayer and Birthday List

Please keep this partial list in your prayers

Beth Hayes and Anne Hayes, Armand Lefebvre, Bernie Blumenthal, Deb Buco, Dotty Diaz, Dino Galiano, Jinny Van Haelen, Maureen Mazika, Patti Jo Sriner, Dan Barchie, John McGarrahan, Gina Mazika, Rose Pagano, Alaina Dieffenbach, Christopher Reynolds, Marilyn, Jake Williams, Lou Pagano, Raheem Onibudo, Sean Ryan, Felicia Petrone, Jeanne Chatelle, Elizabeth Reis, Yamilet, Sharon Pittmen, John Trudeau, Kathy Wikstrom, Mark H.Collins, Diana Marrocco .

Join me in prayer for their recovery

Birthdays during March: (1) Jack Hannan (2) Trinity Greene (6) Barbara Landy (20) Ray Horbert (24) Dan Barchie (28) Jeanne Chatelle

May God bless you now and in the year ahead!



my church

Why St. Patrick's Church? Many people are seeking a church to make their spiritual home. When aware of this, a kind word of support for Saint Patrick's can make a wonderful difference. If you love this parish, tell your friends and neighbors and if not, please tell the pastor or deacon so that we can work on improving your experience here.

Evangelization is everyone's business and as soon as people find this parish, they often visit and are usually pleased with what they discover:

Please spread the word!