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We are in Communion with the Charismatic Episcopal Church
An international Catholic denomination

Saint Patrick's is a Catholic Community with sacraments accessible to all who desire them, welcoming to Communion all who are baptized regardless of church affiliation, including the divorced and remarried.

The church is accessible to wheel chairs with assistance.

The Second Sunday of Lent – March 12, 2017

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, please feel free to take the child to the baptistery area

Joining us for the first time?

Welcome, and as you prepare for Mass, please recollect your thoughts in prayer.

Prepare to receive general absolution at the beginning of Mass in this way.

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

Genesis 12:1–4a; Psalm 33; 2 Timothy 1:8b–10; Matthew 17:1–9

As God's call challenged Abram to "go forth" (Genesis 12:1) from a comfortable past, trusting in the future God promised, so Jesus' transfiguration summons Peter, James, and John to "go forth" from preconceived notions of a glorious Messiahship (and their share in that glory) to a new vision of Jesus' mission and theirs. True, the Transfiguration reveals Jesus as fulfilling law (Moses) and prophets (Elijah), but no flaming chariot will deliver Jesus from suffering. Peter, James, and John glimpse Jesus' transfigured glory, but soon will witness Jesus' abject agony. Earlier, they could not bear Jesus' prediction of that suffering, but now from the cloud a voice commands them: "Listen!" (Matthew 17:5).

If we do listen to Jesus, no tents need be built. Moses, Elijah, cloud, and voice all recede into history. Jesus alone remains, unassumingly present in Word, Eucharist, neighbor. But to eyes of faith, Jesus is the living "Tent of Meeting;" "Emmanuel, God-with-us," as the angel foretold before his birth; "with you always," as Jesus himself promises in the last verse of Matthew's Gospel (28:20).

For us too, "going forth" with Jesus requires that we "come down from the mountain," leaving Transfiguration experiences behind, cheerfully embracing the discipleship Jesus preached in the Sermon on the Mount those Sundays before Lent: To comfort the afflicted, work for peace, love neighbor and enemy, initiate reconciliation, bear witness in poverty of spirit and purity of heart, suffering persecution when necessary; to "bear [our] share of hardship" required by the gospel of the One who "destroyed death and brought [us] life and immortality" (2 Timothy 1:8, 10).

Question of the Week

How is Christ's call to be "transfigured" calling me to "go forth" this Lent from my present (comfortable) values and lifestyle, priorities, and preferences?

Next Sunday's Readings

Exodus 17:3–7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1–2, 5–8; John 4:5–42 or 4:5–15, 19b–26, 39a, 40–42

Announced Masses

Sanctuary Light Memorial – In Prayer for the courage to live a good Lenten Season

03/11	5:00	In Thanksgiving for blessing received.	By Jennie DellaPosta
03/12	8:30	Soul of Joseph Montecalvo	By Marilyn Graf
03/12	10:30	Soul of Judith Bartoli	By the Chatelle Family
03/15	6:45	For the grace of a good Lent	
03/18	5:00	Soul of Jeremy Clere	
03/19	8:30	Soul of Josseph Montecalvo	
03/19	10:30	Soul of Joseph Wilkinson	By the Krzan Family

Parish Activities and Announcements

The Transformation ahead! Have you ever noticed how much of our life in Christ is centered on

From the Pastor's Desk

transformation? This does not mean that God does not accept us as we are, but rather, humbly acknowledges that we are all sinners in need of forgiveness and that with this, we can be better than we presently are. Not a bad thing to think about. Lent is that special time where we examine ourselves, looking realistically and see ourselves for who we are, and then decide to make ourselves more in the image and likeness of God's son. The Gospel this week speaks of just that, the transfiguration of Christ and as the disciples note, it was a terrifying event for them, as it is in our lives when

we consider all of the changes which, by necessity must occur, in our personal transformations. In the end, it requires two things which we all hate to think about: work and persistence. Why don't we pray for these gifts this week. That God will open us to persistently working to transform our lives. There are many things we can pray for, but this, I think, is a real good start.

God bless you all. *Fr. Roper*

St. Patrick's Day Dinner Our 17th Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner approaches on Sunday, March 19th from 2 til 5 at Tomaselli's at the Rosario Club in Silver Lake. This year, in remembrance of St. Joseph's Day, we also have added Italian dishes to our dinner. The cost of the dinner

is \$19.00/ \$13.00 children and tickets are now available. Join us as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day, our annual parish celebration.

>>>This is Next Sunday<<<

Stations of the Cross / Benediction Friday evenings during Lent, join us to retrace the steps our Lord took during the Stations of the Cross and ending with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7pm. All are invited to this wonderful family devotion.

Vacation Notice Deacon Noel will be away and on vacation for two weeks visiting family.

Please view the Lenten Video of the Week

<https://youtu.be/UDaD5upTII>

A thought provoking video appropriate for Lent
A new video will be recommended each week.

Parish Council Meeting There will be a meeting on March 19th at 9:20. All are invited.

Wednesday Evenings at Saint Patrick's

Weekly Religious Education – Schedule at this link:

<http://freepdfhosting.com/12b6c91d92.pdf>

Religious Education meets at 6:00

Bible study with Deacon Noel

This week: 1 Timothy chapter 6

Join us at 7:15....bring a friend

Alms Giving for Lent The basis for our inner spiritual conversion during Lent shows itself in **Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving**. This year, our parish has adopted a project for the almsgiving (financial offering) part of our renewal. During Lent, we ask that you please consider making daily sacrifices of some sort during the week (dining out as an example) which would produce additional personal funds and then offering these funds to be used by Christians in Pakistan struggling to survive in a hostile nation. *These funds may be given as an offering in the **poor box** in the vestibule or placed in the **offering basket** available **Friday evenings** at Stations of the Cross.* All funds received will be forwarded to Bishop Prakash Yuhanna at Easter for use among the people in Pakistan. Please, be generous.

Paddy's Porridge As we approach the Spring, our parish sponsors Paddy's Porridge....the taste of the parish! On Sunday, April 23rd...both bring your favorite Soup, Stew or Chili and join us for a wonderful afternoon tasting! Prizes awarded....no cost...2-4 in the church hall. Sign up available as we all pull out our best recipe's!

"Pot-O-Gold" Raffle In conjunction with approaching St. Patrick's Day, we are introducing this raffle. It is a split the pot raffle with second and third place prizes and the drawing will take place at the St. Patrick's Day dinner on March 19th. We hope to make this an annual event and, of course, tickets remain an

excellent value at \$1.00 each. Tickets are available. Thank you for your support.

Special Collection During March, our special collection benefits the parish and assists with its utilities which cost us all about \$8,500 per year Thank you for your support, big or small, it does make a difference.

Do you shop at these merchants?

Panera Bread \$10/\$25

Shell Station (Gas / Repairs) \$50 / \$100

CVS (Supplies / Drugs / Prescriptions) \$25 / \$100

Legal Seafood \$25 - Stop and Shop \$50 / \$100

Your support in purchasing these cards

is greatly appreciated and benefits the parish. Thank you!

Healing Service / Adoration Join us as we celebrate God's healing love through the conferral of Anointing of the Sick. The next celebration is March 12th, following the 10:30 Mass. Holy Hour devotion will follow as well.

Parish News of Interest to all

Please keep this partial list in your prayers

Dorothy Diaz, Jinny Van Haelen, Maureen Mazika, Mary Laplante, Clara Frio, Patti Jo Srinier, Mary Steinkamp, Geri Bergreen, Dan Barchie, John McGarrahan, Gina Mazika, Fr. Peter Scagnelli, Rose Pagano, Alaina Dieffenbach, Christopher Reynolds, Marilyn, Jake Williams, Helen Petrone, 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 (6) Barbara Landy (7) David and Lillian DiSano (15) Den Buco (20) Ray Horbert (24) Dan Barchie (28) Jeanne Chatelle
May God bless you now and in the year ahead!

Lead by example and not just by word!

Our parish is always in need of both Mass intentions and Memorials for the

Mass Intentions



Sanctuary Light. Please speak with Fr. Roger to request either.



Remembering Saint Patrick One lasting way to make a difference in the life of this community is to remember us in your will...please consider this during your family planning and name us a beneficiary. Your gift will live on and make a difference. Thank you!

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Remember

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!