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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 Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time – February 5, 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

Isaiah 58:7–10; Psalm 112; 1 Corinthians 2:1–5; Matthew 5:13–16

Can we imagine anything more unremarkable or commonplace than salt? Blending invisibly into food, its presence is unnoticed until absent. Nothing makes us appreciate salt more than French fries or popcorn without it (salt-free diets aren't called "bland" for nothing). In Jesus's day, before refrigeration and synthetic preservatives, salt had a function even more important than seasoning: salt preserved food from corruption and served as a purifying agent.

Jesus' second image of discipleship is just the opposite of inconspicuous salt: a mountaintop city, "the light of the world." Jesus adds an additional challenge—or is it a preliminary requirement? Be the light of the world, but also, or first, a lamp "set on a lamp stand, [giving] light to all in the house" (Matthew 5:15), that is, to the Church community and our own households.

Nor do today's scriptures let us off the hook by leaving "light" a vague image. Isaiah's "hands-on" charity and self-sacrificing service direct our witness outward and inward. Disciples must respond to all in need, sharing bread, sheltering the homeless and oppressed, clothing the naked—beyond but also within the community. "Do not turn your back on your own . . . Remove from your midst oppression, false accusation and malicious speech . . . bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted" (Isaiah 58:7, 9–10) within our households or faith communities. Only then will our light shine beyond the Church's boundaries, our concrete deeds of practical charity "a demonstration of Spirit and power" (1 Corinthians 2:4), in Paul's words, a witness more credible than any words, however persuasive or sublime they may be.

Question of the Week

How can my discipleship contribute some aspect of gospel truth unobtrusively, like salt, to the worlds in which I move? Is there another situation that calls for my baptismal witness to shine more obviously, like a light on a lamp stand?

Next Sunday's Readings

Sirach 15:15–20; Psalm 119; 1 Corinthians 2:6–10; Matthew 5:17–37

Announced Masses

Sanctuary Light Memorial – In Prayer for increased membership within our Parish

02/04	5:00	Soul of Peter Pond	By Nick Pond
02/05	8:30	Soul of Lydia Parisi	By the family
02/05	10:30	Soul of Luisa Finamore	
02/08	6:45	Soul of Aziel Jones	By the Sanchez Family
02/11	5:00	Soul of Peter Pond	By Nick Pond
02/12	8:30	Good Health of Gina Mazika	By the Labonte Family
02/12	10:30	Souls of Maria Domingos and Nancy Lee Bourque	By Marie Sorman

Parish Activities and Announcements

Please pass the salt! As I mentioned last week, the Gospels of the next few weeks will continue the theme of the Beatitudes in action. We heard last week and expound on the call to discipleship Jesus levels at each of us . . . if we choose to hear and accept it. Some will hear the call and bring about the great commission to the extent that it is possible within their lives and others choose to live in the dark caring for themselves above everything. It's an individual decision we all make based upon our desire to serve God or self. The process of changing this conviction from self to God is called conversion and is difficult and challenging. It has always been that way and will be that way. Jesus

From the Pastor's Desk

uses the example of salt as a beautiful reminder to each of us of the way we are to live our lives: vital but nearly invisible. We seldom see salt but are aware of its effects. So it is with discipleship. . . quietly changing the world one day and soul at a time.

God bless you all. *F. Roper*

Annual Meeting Many thanks to those who attended. Your presence was appreciated.

Parish Council News Our parish council has been seated for a period of two years. The new president is Adrien Mercure, Vice-President is Geri Bergreen, Secretary is Barbara Landy and Treasurer is Ron Labonte. In



addition to these, there are 3 at large members: Deb Bucu, Marilyn Graf and Russ Landy. We all thank them for coming forward and volunteering their time and talent in pursuit of the growth of our parish family.

Feast of St. Blaise In celebration of his feast day, the blessing of throats will occur at the conclusion of each Mass during the weekend.



January Financial Report

Stewardship Offerings	\$7,115.00
Other Offerings	623.13
Diocesan Collection	345.00
Total Offerings	\$8,083.13
Projected Cost of Parish	\$9,167.00
Resulting monthly Loss	\$1,428.87-
Given to Charity	774.00
Diocesan Tax	696.00
Net income to the parish	\$6,268.13

Thank you for your generous support!

Weekly Religious Education – Schedule at this link:
<http://freepdfhosting.com/12b6c91d92.pdf>
 Wednesday Evening meetings at 6:00

Bible study with Deacon Noel
 Weekly Bible passages for preparation
 for the Spring Classes:
 February 8th First Timothy, Chapter 4

Valentine’s Day Appetizers and Desserts The return of this competition for best appetizer and dessert will take place on Sunday afternoon, February 12, 2-4. All are invited to enter and prizes will be offered in each category. Join us for a fun filled event and there is no charge. Sign up available and we look forward to an afternoon worthy of St. Valentine himself.

Help with Church Sanctuary project We have a project which is ongoing.....can you help us? . Our chairs and the floor of the church are showing some wear and we thought to give them a small “facelift.” Each Tuesday, Nick Pond will be working on this project on and it involves three elements: spot refinishing the bottom legs of the chairs, spot refinishing the floor where it needs it and lastly, replacing stick on felt pads, as needed, to prevent damage to the floor caused by the chairs. If you can help, I know that Nick would appreciate the assistance on Tuesdays.

Update: Nick and the Pastor completed ½ of the work and in the weeks ahead expect to finish it.

“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.

Gift Cards for Business If you are involved in a business which makes use of gift cards, please consider purchasing these cards through the parish and the small commission received does help us financially and assist the parish in paying it’s obligations.

Special Collection During February, our special collection benefits the parish and assists with it’s utilities which cost us all about \$8,500 per year Thank you for your support....it does make a big 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 February 12th, following the 10:30 Mass. Holy Hour devotion will follow as well.

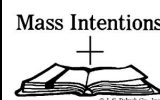
Parish News of Interest to all

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, Clara Frio, Christopher Reynolds, Marilyn, Jake Williams, Helen Petrone, Lou Pagano, 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

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



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



Birthdays during February: (11) Deacon Noel Sanche;z, (16) Trudy Mandeville, (19) Rachel Lawrence; (25) Nathan Rojas and (26) Kara Marziali.

May God bless you now and in the year ahead!

Lead by example and not just by word!

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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