



# **Saint Patrick Catholic Church** **2068 Cranston Street** **Cranston, Rhode Island 02920**

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 On Facebook as "Saint Patrick Catholic Church"

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.*

## **First Sunday in Lent – February 18, 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 baptistry area.

### **Text Message Feedback Line**

**(401) 345 9934**

***We want your feedback – Good and Bad***

**YOU ARE WELCOME 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

**Genesis 9:8–15; Psalm 25; 1 Peter 3:18–22; Mark 1:12–15**

Water in the form of rain was used by God to cleanse the earth when it was filled with sin, with people who had turned away from God. Similarly, the water of baptism is a sign of the cleansing of our sins, the washing away of original sin. Just as the flood led to a new creation, baptism leads to a new life, a new life in Christ.

The rainbow that appeared in the sky was a sign of God's promise never to send another flood to cover the earth. To people of ancient times, the beauty of the colors of the rainbow was less important than its shape. It was thought of as a bow, the device used to fire an arrow. This is the word used in Genesis. Set in the sky unarmed, it is a sign that God has retired this weapon and will no longer use it to harm the earth, to strike humanity. The bow stands empty for all to see.

The First Book of Enoch, though it did not become part of the Bible, was very popular at the time that the First Letter of Peter was written. In this book, the rebellious angels are bound and confined forever to prison. It is thought that the line "he also went to preach to the spirits in prison" (1 Peter 3:19) refers to these fallen angels. The implication here is that God's saving power reaches everywhere. The message of salvation is given even to the worst of sinners.

### Question of the Week

What can I do to live up to my covenant with God during this season of Lent?

### Next Sunday's Readings

**Genesis 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18; Psalm 116 Romans 8:31b–34; Mark 9:2–10**

### Announced Masses

**Sanctuary Light Memorial – In Prayer for the Soul of Joseph Montecalvo (1<sup>st</sup>) by the Maguire Family**

02/17	5:00	In Thanksgiving for Blessing Received	By the Martinez Family
02/18	8:30	Soul of Fr. Peter Scagnelli	
	10:30	Soul of Fr. David Andrade	
02/21	6:45	Soul of Fr. Vern DeCoteau	
02/24	5:00	Soul of Peter Pond	By Nick Pond
02/25	8:30	Souls of John and Paula Galvin	
	10:30	Soul of Armand Cionci	By Evelyn Cionci
02/28	6:45	Soul of Valerie Gambuto	

### Parish Activities and Announcements

**Lent: A time to consider the path ahead.** Many thanks to all who joined us on Ash Wednesday to begin the Lenten Journey together. The work of putting our own personal house in order will take effort and hard work. Lent is just the beginning of this process, as it remains our personal challenge to *keep* our house in order. Lent is also a great time to consider our growth as a parish. This growth must, by necessity, center on mission and evangelism. Jesus himself, before he departed, commissioned us all to make disciples of all people and this remains our principle mission today. So, what does this have to do with Lent you ask? On a parish level, people become sometimes become unhappy and then "dechurched." We know them, used to see them regularly and miss their presence. Becoming "dechurched" does take time and is sometimes set off by events, comments or perceived barriers. We are all

#### From the Pastor's Desk

guilty, myself most of all. When this happens to fellow disciples it is an abandonment of our mission. As a parish, we can reach out and during the Season of Lent, attempt to heal hard feelings. If you would like to work with me on this mission of evangelism to those we already know, let me know and working together, we can work to build up the Body of Christ.

God bless *Fr. Ryan*

**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.



**Valentine's Day Competition** This afternoon, we are holding a "two forked" event featuring competition for the *best appetizer* and then *best desert* in honor of Valentine's Day. Join us...no expense...2 – 4 in the lower church.



**Way of the Cross/Benediction 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!*

**Saint Patrick Day Dinner** Our Annual celebration will take place at the Rosario Club on Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 5 in the afternoon. Cost is \$18/12 and tickets are available right now...let's celebrate our parish anniversary together!

**Pot-O-Gold Raffle** Our Annual Saint Patrick's Day Split the Pot Raffle will be drawn at the dinner on March 18<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:adrien.mercure@gmail.com)) or Geri Bergreen ([tbgeri@aol.com](mailto:tbgeri@aol.com)). So many thanks!

**Penny Social Donations** We are in need of donations of "penny social" items for the coming dinner in March. If you can help, it would be great. Thank you.

**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 input and suggestions.

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

**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.

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

**Stonewall Kitchen Fine Products!** Fine gourmet food items from the famous *Stonewall Kitchens of York, Maine*. We are offering them at cut rate prices!

**> Clearance Sale – Half Off remaining inventory <**

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

**Bible Study** This week, breaking format, Wednesday evening 7:15 will be hosted at John and Dot Collins home and we ask that should you like to attend that you bring a food item.

**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 communion anthem is "Tree of Life" by Aaron Thompson.

***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 Bucu, 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 February:** (11) Dcn Noel Sanchez, (16) Trudy Mandeville, (25) Nathan Rojas and (26) Kara Marziali

***May God bless you now and in the year ahead!***

**This Week at St. Patrick's**  
**Parish Council at 9:20 today**  
**Communications Committee – Monday at 7pm**  
Meetings occur as scheduled in the church office  
***All are invited to attend and to participate***  
***Take possession: It's your parish***

**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.