

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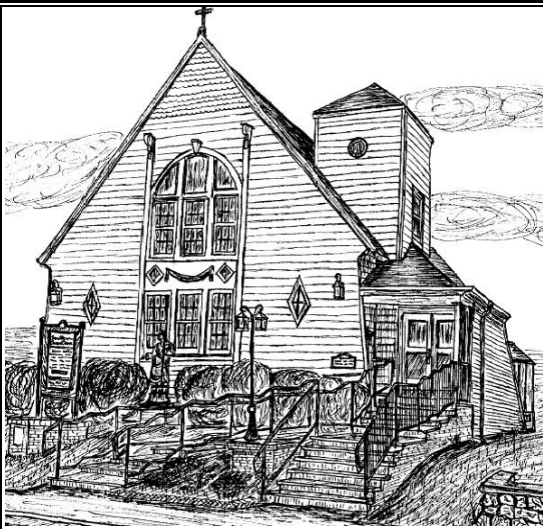
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We are in Communion with the Charismatic Episcopal Church
An international Catholic denomination



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 Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time – January 29, 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

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13; Psalm 146; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12a

The opening of today's Gospel would have signaled to Matthew's Jewish audience a supremely important teaching by Jesus, in continuity with the Torah. Jesus 1) "went up the mountain" (like Moses), 2) "sat down" (a master about to speak authoritatively), and 3) "began" (literally "opening his mouth:" a rich biblical image associated with divinely inspired teaching) 4) "to teach them" (Matthew 5:1, 2). Although each Beatitude echoes Isaiah or the psalms or Jewish wisdom literature—thus the continuity—here was something radically new. Moses relayed to the people what he received from God, but Jesus speaks on his own authority. Today we know that Jesus not only spoke the Beatitudes but lived them as well.

Jesus went up the mountain when he saw the crowds, but once he sat down to teach, only his disciples came to listen. Therefore, his disciples (we) are the ones whom Jesus expects to imitate his living of the Beatitudes, in order to become evangelizers of "the crowds," the down cast and common of this earth.

Should we be alarmed at how few seem to respond to the challenge of Jesus' Beatitudes? The first reading, with its emphasis on God's promise fulfilled for a humble, lowly remnant, suggests courage and hope, not discouragement and despair. Should we be disheartened that we, who *do* accept the truth of Jesus' Torah, find it so difficult to live? The second reading reminds us that God's grace at work in us can strengthen us to embrace Christ's wisdom and bear it to others.

Question of the Week

Today's Beatitudes are the true test of the disciple. Do the words I hear in church today remain there? How can I allow God's grace to work in me so that I begin to live the Beatitudes and help to evangelize "the crowds"?

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Announced Masses

Sanctuary Light Memorial – In Prayer for the Sick within our Parish

01/28	5:00	Soul of Edmund Zabinski	By Elizabeth Reis
01/29	8:30	Soul of Paul Matarazzo	By Parisi Family
01/29	10:30	Soul of Theresa Chamberland	By Chatelle Family
02/01	6:45	For the Healing of Erin and Abbey Dulaney	By the Sanchez Family
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

Parish Activities and Announcements

The call to the mountain! This week, Jesus calls us, that is right...US.. to the mountain to pay careful attention to his expectations of us as his disciples. Matthew's gospel, written for a mixed audience of Jews and Gentiles places Jesus in the place of Moses and even more as he ascends the mountain and sits to teach not the people though, but only his disciples....us. We are given a message which on its face makes no sense at all, as it is counter-cultural for Jesus' day and for ours as he sets up as rich and blessed those the world discounts as unfortunate and needy. The question, at all times and especially in the Beatitudes is why.....why are we blessed when what we perceive as unfortunate circumstances hit our lives and shake us to our core. The answer lies in us and our dependency in

From the Pastor's Desk

life. Who do we count on? Who holds us up when we are sad? Who comforts us when we are down? Is it not the Lord who sustains up and lifts us up? The Beatitudes deliver a strong message reminding us where our true strength comes from especially at times others deem bad...it is the Lord who is always there. God bless you all. *F. Ryan*

Annual Meeting The Annual Meeting of the parish will occur today following the 10:30 Mass. This is an open invitation for any active parishioner to speak about the church and to address the year ahead. Please make an effort to attend. Thank you.

Parish Council News Our parish council will not be subject to election this year as we have 7 members



presently with 3 retiring and three joining. Since there is not an over abundance, they are all appointed for a two year term without election. We welcome Ron Labonte, Deb Buco, Marilyn Graf, Geri Bergreen, Adrien Mercure, Russell Landy and Barbara Landy. We also thank retiring members Terry Maguire, Rayna Maguire and Frank Rainone for their service to the parish.

Mass Ministries If you have a desire to donate of your time, perhaps assisting at Mass might be a wonderful way of doing this. We need assistance of Lectors, Servers and Eucharistic "Cup bearers." Please speak with the Pastor or deacon Noel.

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 1st First Timothy, Chapter 3
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 we are beginning this week and could use some assistance. Our chairs and the floor of the church are showing some wear and we thought to give them a small "facelift." Each week, Nick Pond will be working on this project on Tuesdays 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 ¼ 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 January, our special collection benefits the Pro-Life Apostolate of the

ICCEC. Please help us by being generous! Thank you.

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 January: (15) Raheem Onibudo; (16) Frank Rainone and (17) Dotty Diaz.

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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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!

Invite a friend to Mass with you!

Why St. Patrick's Church? When people are considering making a faith community their "spiritual home," they often ask themselves why this particular community rather than another...or no community at all!