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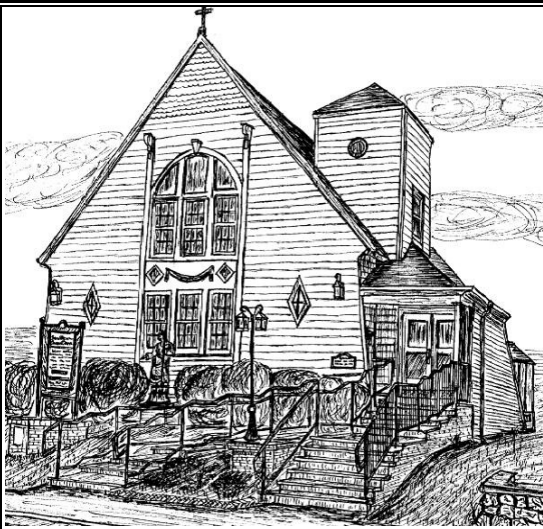
Web Site: [SaintPatrickCatholicChurch.org](http://SaintPatrickCatholicChurch.org)

 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.*

**Fifth Sunday in Lent – March 18, 2018**

***Feast of Saint Patrick of Ireland***

## **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**

Rev. 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

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

Sometimes you hear someone say, “I’ll forgive, but I won’t forget.” The implication is that they will always be ready to bring it up if you do anything like this again. But this is not the way God forgives. Jeremiah says God “will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more” (Jeremiah 31:34). Indeed, this is the way the Lord has operated throughout scripture, and this is the way God continues to forgive. This is the way we are called to forgive each other.

When you think of it, it is amazing that a tiny seed of wheat, planted in fertile soil and given plenty of sun and rain, can grow into a plant that is thousands of times the size of the original seed. But this can only happen if the seed dies, opening and spilling out all of its life force within. The death of the seed produces the life of the plant. We all have seeds within us that when planted can bear much fruit. But in order for this to happen, we have to break the husk of self-centeredness, let our selfishness die, and focus on the needs of others.

Jesus calls us to obedience and service: “Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be” (John 12:26). He himself provides a clear example in today’s Gospel. Though troubled, he accepts God’s will. Though facing death, his focus is on others, addressing God and then addressing the crowd.

### Question of the Week

When I forgive someone who hurt me, do I truly forget it or does it continue to affect our relationship? How can I let go of the injury? How can I be confident that forgetting it will help?

### Next Week’s Readings

*Isaiah 50:4–7; Psalm 22; Philippians 2:6–11; Mark 14:1–15:47*

## Announced Masses

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

03/17	5:00	Soul of Joseph Voccio	By Dot Collins
03/18	8:30	Soul of Leonel Vargas	By the Sanchez Family
	10:30	Soul of Theresa Chamberland	By The Chatelle Family
03/21	6:45	Soul of Fr. Vern DeCoteau	
03/24	5:00	Soul of John Securo	
03/25	8:30	Souls of John and Paula Galvin	
	10:30	Soul of Theresa Chamberland	By The Chatelle Family
03/26	7:00	Soul of Fr. Peter Scagnelli	
03/27	7:00	Soul of Fr. David Andrade	
03/28	7:00	Soul of Mary Laplante	
03/29	7:00	In thanksgiving for the Eucharist	

## Parish Activities and Announcements

**18 Years young.** Each year, for the Feast of St. Patrick,

### From the Pastor’s Desk

I spend time thinking about the past and focus once again on our future as a parish. For many, it is hard to believe so much time has gone by (especially to me) and I continue to thank God for all of his blessings upon all of us. St. Patrick’s started with a few souls at Mass and has grown to the maturing parish you see today and continues to grow in faith and disciples. I remember my dear friend Fr. Peter Scagnelli who passed away months ago. He was always there to “coach me” through the early years, and pick me up when I fell down. He died too early but leaves a legacy in his scripture notes which I continue to share with you every week. Deacon Noel and Elizabeth have been wonderful

additions to the parish and I cannot thank them enough for all of their efforts. In my heart, I believe that St. Patrick’s best days lie in the future and that you, our parishioners and friends who have supported this ministry so generously over these many years hold in your hands our future. I look forward to working with you as we Love God – Love Neighbor and Make Disciples together into the years ahead. God bless *Fr. Ryan*

**Saint Patrick Day Dinner** Our Annual celebration will take place at the Rosario Club Sunday. We will all have a great time beginning at 2pm.

**Palm Crosses** We have offered these for many years and decided to try something new this year with email contact and advanced sales. They are ready for pick up at church and thank you for your donations which help

the parish. Look for this "model" in the future as this worked well with minimal effort and no after Mass sales.

**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 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!



>>>Drawing projected at \$500.00+ 1<sup>st</sup> Prize<<<

**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!

**Overcomers Retreat** Fr. John Van Haelen has tentatively scheduled a 12-Step oriented retreat for October 25 – 27<sup>th</sup> 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 input 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, April 8<sup>th</sup> following the 10:30 Mass*  
**Anointing is available at any time by request**



**Musical "Notes" from Justin** The communion piece is "I Cannot Tell Why He Whom Angels Worship." The lyrics were written by William Y. Fullerton around 1920. The tune is "Londonderry Air," from County Derry, Ireland, which is of course most commonly sung to the words "Oh, Danny Boy."

**Wine Club** Our next wine club meeting will be on **Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**. This month, it will be hosted by Jennie and Noe Martinez and will feature Riesling wine. Regular members are invited to assist with some food stuffs. Wine is provided by the host. A great opportunity to learn a bit and enjoy each other's company. New members are always invited as this is an open club.



**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!*



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**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!*