

**Saint Patrick Catholic Church
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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 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 24, 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 7:00 (Summer)
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 baptistery area.

Text Message Feedback Line

(401) 345 9934

We want your feedback – Good and Bad

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 55:6–9; Psalm 145; Philippians 1:20c–24, 27a; Matthew 20:1–16a

On Sundays in Ordinary Time, the Old Testament illumines the Gospel: “My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD” (Isaiah 55:8). Then Jesus’ parable presents the exact opposite of any reasonable employment contract, any respectable definition of “justice.” Instead, how utterly prodigal God’s goodness toward us, how unmerited God’s gifts.

For Jesus’ parable challenges our usual definitions of success: to be healthy, wealthy, and wise; to acquire possessions, educational and professional accomplishments, athletic awards, other forms of achievement, status, prestige; to classify others as “better off,” “worse off,” or “about the same.” Such comparisons lead to arrogance or prompt envy, both reactions incompatible with membership in God’s kingdom. What ignited anger in the parable was the landowner making “latecomers” equal to the “all-day crew.”

For us, the “latecomers” may be non-practicing parishioners, non-believers, or notorious sinners welcomed back with “last rites” at “the eleventh hour.” Often, among “devout” disciples, such miracles of grace prompt not thankful prayers but righteous (jealous?) indignation that those “last in” should be treated as “equal to us.” Like the prodigal son’s elder brother: “For years I have slaved for you!” (cf. Luke 15:29). How different if we, like Paul, believed that “life is Christ” (Philippians 1:21). Our standing—first, last—would be utterly irrelevant. To share life, to share Christ with any fellow-worker at whatever hour would be sheer joy. On the other hand, the parable proposes a secondary, salutary moral: The problem with eleventh-hour conversions is that Death sometimes arrives at 10:30!

Question of the Week

How will I stop acting like a self-appointed judge of “latecomers” and begin serving as a member of God’s “welcome wagon”? After all, God has welcomed even me.

Next Sunday’s Readings

Ezekiel 18:25–28; Psalm 25; Philippians 2:1–11; Matthew 21:28–32

Announced Masses

Sanctuary Light Memorial – In Prayer for the members of our parish who are ill

09/23	5:00	Soul of Helen Petrone (Month’s Mind)	By Felicia Petrone
09/24	8:30	Souls of Rita Rose	By Jeanne and Fran Chatelle
	10:30	Soul of Theresa Chamberland	By Jeanne and Fran Chatelle
09/30	5:00	Soul of Louise Nascenzi	By Jeanne and Fran Chatelle
10/01	8:30	Soul of Thomas Keenan	
	10:30	Good Health / Recovery	Jeanne Chatelle

Parish Activities and Announcements

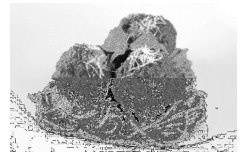
It’s all about fairness. This week’s gospel on the laborers in the vineyard really is “quite human” in it’s perspective of fairness vs generosity.

From the Pastor’s Desk

Therefore it is easy for us to relate to the “crisis in labor” but too easy for any of us to accept the solution to the crisis: Generosity towards all. We all see through human glasses and this in effect clouds our vision. Few of us really consider God’s generosity in the face of fairness thinking, in effect, how unfair of our Lord just to judge by my specific criteria, which I will be happy to share with the almighty should he take the time to ask me to share it. How quickly do we all forget that the true question is not about what is fair, but really, does it

at all matter or should it matter to us? You see, when we compare, we judge, when we judge, we, in effect replace God and in replacing God, remove from him authority. In the end, worry about yourself and your answer to be a laborer in the vineyard...let God worry about the pay. God bless you all *F. Roper*

Meatballs Galore It is that time of year when we pay tribute to wonderful Italian food with our Italian Dinner with meatball competition. If you are new to the parish, THIS is what all the talking is about....who makes the best meatballs! On Sunday, October 1st, 2-4, we have a simple Italian dinner and entered pot-luck



meatballs with all attending given the opportunity to judge them! There is no cost but please sign up so we can plan appropriately. Signup at the stairs and lower hall. Buon Appetito!

Tools for school Each year, we organize and collect items for school for local elementary students to help them "have the tools" to do well. We are in need of all school materials, especially backpacks and notebooks. There is a collection bin at the back of the church for this use. Thank you. **Program runs through September.**



Ministry Opportunities We could use assistance with both readers for Mass and with Acolytes. Could you possibly help us? Speak with Fr. Roger/Deacon Noel.



Pet Blessings In celebration of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, we will be blessing pets on the feast itself, Wednesday, October 4th from 3 – 6 at church. Please join us then and we are happy to welcome your pets.

Holiday Raffle Tickets will be sent this week for our Holiday Liquor Basket Raffle featuring three great prizes of \$150/\$100 and \$50 liquor baskets. Tickets remain low cost at \$1.00/6 for \$5.00 and will be drawn at the Christmas Party on December 3rd. Thank you.



Wine Club Your Social Committee is seeking interest in forming a monthly "Wine Club." There will be an organizational meeting if there is interest. The purpose of the club would be to explore different wines, learn varieties and share each other's company. There is a sign up at the stairs. We need 12 to 15 to make this work...interest?



Cans and bottle Reminder We are always in need of cans and bottle marked for redemption. We package these and return them for credit. Each year, we try to raise at least \$1,000 doing this. We need your help. Please just drop them off when visiting for Mass. Thank you!

Email Reminder Each week, we send out electronically events to everyone on our email contact list. If you do not receive it, it means that we do not have your email or more likely, it would have changed since we recorded it. Please send us an email and we will add you to the list.

Recommended Site of the Week

Divineoffice.org

If you desire to enter into a deeper prayer life, please consider joining people around the world at prayer. You may enter this site using saintpatrickri@aol.com as your user name and your password is *Patrick*. You may both see and hear the prayers and therefore "join" with others

Special Collection During September, our special collection benefits parish utilities. Thank you for your support, big or small, it does make a difference.

Lead by example and not just by word!

**Wednesday Evenings at Saint Patrick's
Religious Education at 6pm**

Mass at 6:45pm

Bible Study begins 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

Deb Bucu, Dotty Diaz, Jinny Van Haelen, Chris Grady, Maureen Mazika, Patti Jo Sriner, Mary Steinkamp, Geri Bergreen, 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

**Anointing of the Sick / Holy Hour of Adoration
October 8th following the 10:30 Mass
Join us for Healing and for Prayer**

Birthdays during September: (10) Antonia Sparrer and Debbie Horbert, (11) Kathleen Faccenda, (12) Nick Pond, (18) Adrien Mercure, (19) Ann Marie Krzan, (21) Bob Buonaccorsi and Bernie Blumenthal, (22) Evelyn Cionci and (23) Fran Chatelle.

May God bless you now and in the year ahead!

Parish Activity this week

Parish Council....today at 9:20

Communications Committee...Monday 7:00

Meetings occur as scheduled at the church office

All are invited to attend and to participate

Take possession! It's your parish

All Saints Party >Save the Date< Saturday, November 4, 2017 at the Rosario Society Hall in Silverlake. Join us for an evening of fun, light buffet and music, 6:30 til 11. Tickets now available.

Contact Geri 401-523-6240.



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.

YOUR invitation can make the difference!

We are accepting of our members and visitors and offer an ideal home to couples of "mixed faiths." Our practice of an open Communion to the baptized sets us apart from others and we offer bible based preaching within Mass.