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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 Feast of the Holy Family – January 1, 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 Sunday afternoons

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

Sirach 3:2–6, 12-14 , Colossians 3:12–21 [12–17]; Psalm 128; Matthew 2:13–15, 19–23

- Sirach, reflecting Jewish family wisdom, considers honoring one's parents as sacramental: forgiveness of sins and acceptability of prayer depend on how we treat our parents.
- Colossians lists virtues indispensable for life together: "heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience" (Colossians 3:12). We forgive each other and sacrifice ourselves for each other, because the Lord has forgiven and sacrificed himself for each of us. Christ's word in our midst; wise teaching on our lips; psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs in our grateful hearts: the family home is a "domestic church," our life together a liturgy of love.
- Balancing that ideal—and comforting all of us whose families fall short of it—Matthew presents the *Holy Family* as a very *human* family. True, the "Flight into Egypt" has the theological purpose of moving Jesus from Bethlehem to Nazareth in fulfillment of messianic prophecies. And there is doctrine: Joseph takes "the child and his mother" (Matthew 2:14), a subtle reminder that Joseph is only foster father to this child conceived by the Spirit. Moreover, the hostility of worldly powers that forms the background to the Flight, Herod's and all Jerusalem's being troubled by the Magi's seeking a newborn king and the subsequent slaughter of the Innocents, foreshadows the forces that will conspire against the adult Jesus, a Christmas "foretaste" of the Paschal Mystery.

Question of the Week

How can my family more imitate the qualities St. Paul references in his letter to the Colossians?

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 60:1–6; Psalm 72; Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6; Matthew 2:1–12

Announced Masses

Sanctuary Light Memorial – In Memory of Theresa Chamberland by the Chatelle Family

12/31	5:00	Peter L. Pond	
01/01	8:30	Souls of Paula and John Galvin	
01/01	10:30	Good Health/Recovery of Normand Labonte	By the Labonte Family
01/04	6:45	Mass is Cancelled	
01/07	5:00	Soul of Charles E Crowshaw, Jr.	By Pat Crowshaw
01/08	8:30	Soul of Marie Custer	
01/08	10:30	Souls of Lisa and William Cummings	By Ryan Cummings
01/11	6:45	St. Nicholas in Thanksgiving	By Michelle Blanding

Parish Activities and Announcements

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! Each of us, from our earliest childhood memories recalls the various time and effort placed into New Year's resolutions. I recall making all sorts of resolutions and to this day only kept one of them: not taking sugar in my coffee! Seems silly, but I have always kept it. As a parish family, it seems a good time to present a few resolutions worthy of being maintained in 2017. The first might be regular participation at Mass and reception of the Eucharist. This is the basic foundation to our journey with Christ and very important for all of us. Second, perhaps keeping an eye open for friends who are "unchurched." Our parish needs to grow by at least 50 and there is no better time than the present to kick off a membership drive aimed in that direction. Finally, resolve to become even more dedicated to the financial wellbeing of this

parish community. Our parish does have financial needs which, if seen as an obligation before God and an important returning to God of all that we have received in blessings, becomes important to each of us. Can we ever give back to the Lord even a small portion that we have received? Please take support seriously and resolve to pledge your time, talent and your treasure to maintain this house of God.

God bless you all and Happy New Year! *Fr. Ryan*

Annual Meeting The Annual Meeting of the parish will occur on Sunday, January 29th following the 10:30 Mass. On this date, we will elect a new parish council for a two year term, review financial information and have opportunity to be heard on any topic you may wish to bring up. Please make an effort to attend. Thank you.

Stewardship Appeal 2017 Today ends the annual appeal and while we have not heard back from a number of

people, the information received will be used to establish both a weekly expectation for financial assistance and if necessary, a projected need for additional financial help from fundraisers and transfers from savings. If you have not returned your pledge for the year, you will receive your 3rd appeal this week. Thank you.

Parish Council Our parish council regularly is between 6 and 8 active parish members who wish to exercise a degree of leadership assisting the parish in the management of the parish. We are in need of members desiring to serve on this council. If this interests you, please speak with the pastor or deacon Noel and we will add you to the ballot. It is a commitment to attending bi monthly meetings.

Financial Report for the month of December, 2016

Stewardship Offerings	\$6,980.00
Other Offerings	207.00
Special Collection	1,292.00
Total Offerings	\$8,479.00
Actual Cost (1/12 Annual)	\$8,750.00-
Resulting Loss	271.00-
Given to Charity	719.00-
Diocesan Tax	647.00-
Net income to the parish	\$7,113.00

Thank you for your generous support

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.

In Memoriam Please keep Anne-Marie Girard and her family in your thoughts and prayers as she



recently lost her aunt, Germaine Pachecho. Also, Fr. Michael Harmon, the assistant pastor at Prince of Peace parish in

Sanford, Maine died accidentally this week. They are a sister parish to us within the ICCEC. Please keep the parish and his wife Meg in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

Weekly Religious Education – Schedule at this link:

<http://freepdfhosting.com/092f2d911f.pdf>

Classes Resume this week at 6PM

Bible study with Deacon Noel

Weekly Bible passages for preparation for the Spring Classes:

January 4th Bible Study is Cancelled

January 11th First Timothy, Chapter 1

January 18th First Timothy, Chapter 2

January 25th First Timothy, Chapter 3

February 1st First Timothy, Chapter 4

February 8th First Timothy, Chapter 5
Join us Wednesday evening at 7pm...bring a friend

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 worth of St. Valentine!

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.

Christmas Flower Memorials Many thanks to all who assisted us with the cost of Christmas Flowers. The memorials are presented as an insert to this bulletin. Thank you very much.

Candy and Meat Pie Thanks Thank you all the candy makers and to Fr Roger for all their efforts on our Holiday fundraiser which raised about \$800.00 for the parish. Geri would like to hear your comments and thoughts on how the candies when this year compared to cookies for future fundraisers. Please speak to her directly or email her at tbgeri@aol.com.

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 January 8th following the 10:30 Mass.

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

Birthdays during January: (15) Raheem Onibudo, (16) Frank Rainone, (17) Dorothy Diaz.

May God bless you now and in the year ahead!