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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 First Sunday of Lent – March 5, 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

Genesis 2:7–9; 3:1–7; Psalm 51; Romans 5:12–19; Matthew 4:1–11

The Tempter does not blatantly invite Adam and Eve, Jesus, or us, to *do evil* but, more innocently, to *bypass elusive intangibles*—sacrifice, trust, God—for readily perceptible and immediately real alternatives—food, security, power.

First temptation: Jesus' obedience consists in refusing to provide bread for himself alone. Later, Jesus feeds the multitudes and offers himself as living bread to all, bidding us who eat it to feed the hungry. But "not . . . on bread alone" (Matthew 4:4). How unhelpful, ultimately, are material and technical aid unaccompanied by spiritual values. Second temptation: The devil's "If you are the Son of God" (4:6) on the temple parapet is repeated by passersby as Jesus hangs on the cross. But Jesus neither leaps from the parapet nor comes down from the cross, descending instead into death's abyss, trusting, not testing the Father and inviting us to do likewise. Third temptation: Jesus is offered "all the kingdoms of the world" (4:8) in exchange for worshipful prostration before the devil. Instead, Jesus prostrates in Gethsemane before his Father's will, as the disciples will prostrate before the Risen Jesus when not only worldly kingdoms but "all power in heaven *and* on earth" are given him (28:18).

Thus, in stark contrast to Adam and Eve, Jesus is obedient. Paul contrasts Adam's bequest—transgression, condemnation, death—with Jesus' superabundant gift—righteousness, acquittal, life. But though Jesus banishes the devil today, "Get away, Satan!" (Matthew 4:10) we need Lent's ministering angels to keep us faithful to Jesus' path of obedient trust in God's providential care, Jesus' sacrificial service of others.

Question of the Week

In what area of my life have I not trusted God's providential care for me? How can I change that this Lent, even while making myself a living sign for someone else of God's care?

Next Sunday's Readings

Genesis 12:1–4a; Psalm 33; 2 Timothy 1:8b–10; Matthew 17:1–9

Announced Masses

Sanctuary Light Memorial – In Prayer for the courage to live a good Lenten Season

03/04	5:00	Soul of Michael Ferguson	
03/05	8:30	Souls of Paula and John Galvin	
03/05	10:30	Soul of Valerie Gambuto-Carnevale	By the Chatelle Family
03/08	6:45	Good Health of Fr. Peter Scagnelli	
03/11	5:00	In Thanksgiving for blessing received.	By Jennie DellaPosta
03/12	8:30	Soul of Joseph Montecalvo	By Marilyn Graf
03/12	10:30	Soul of Judith Bartoli	By the Chatelle Family
03/15	6:45	For the grace of a good Lent	

Parish Activities and Announcements

Temptations abound! One of the big questions of our lives has to be *WHAT* makes a difference to you....to all

From the Pastor's Desk

of us? What does it take to make us change our ways? For some, it is a telephone call from a doctor telling us that we must make changes, or die. For others, an inspirational book, or a new relationship or any number of things, but to *US*, as Christ's disciples (as apart from the "crowd"), what does it take? This question is at the very heart of Lent and of the temptations of Christ explored this weekend and the answer to the question, in reality, has to come from within or it is not real change but only a passing fad

which makes us like those of the 5,000 fed by Jesus who soon returned to their previous lives and eventually make an appearance to yell Crucify Him...Crucify him. Lasting and permanent change comes through conviction and resolution. Such action is the very heart of "conversion" which Lent is all about. Think about this as we explore Jesus' temptations this weekend.

God bless you all. *Fr. Ryer*

Normal Schedule returns This Wednesday, both religious Education and Bible Study return to their normal times, 6pm and 7:15 respectively.



February Financial Report

Stewardship Offerings	\$5,165.00
Other Offerings	114.20
Special Collection	946.00
Total Offerings	\$6,225.20
Actual Cost (1/12 th Annual)	\$9,167.00
Resulting Operational Loss	\$2,941.80-
Given to Charity	528.00-
Diocesan Tax	475.00-
Net Income to the Parish	\$5,222.20

Thank you very much for your generosity!

Stations of the Cross / Benediction Friday evenings during Lent, join us to retrace the steps our Lord took during the Stations of the Cross and ending with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7pm. All are invited to this wonderful family devotion.

Daily Reflections for Lent This wonderful devotional book was made available on Ash Wednesday and we do have copies available. Feel free to take one with you to aid in your Lenten devotions. They are free of charge.

Vacation Notice Deacon Noel will be away and on vacation for two weeks visiting family.

Please view the Lenten Video of the Week

https://youtu.be/ha8_QloB4Ow

A thought provoking video appropriate for Lent

A new video will be recommended each week.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner Our 17th Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner approaches on Sunday, March 19th from 2 til 5 at Tomaselli's at the Rosario Club in Silver Lake. This year, in remembrance of St. Joseph's Day, we also have added Italian dishes to our dinner. The cost of the dinner is \$19.00/ \$13.00 children and tickets are now available. Join us as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day, our annual parish celebration.

Parish Council Meeting There will be a meeting on March 19th at 9:20. All are invited.

Wednesday Evenings at Saint Patrick's

Weekly Religious Education – Schedule at this link:

<http://freepdfhosting.com/12b6c91d92.pdf>

Religious Education meets at 6:00

Bible study with Deacon Noel
Join us at 7:15....bring a friend

Alms Giving for Lent The basis for our inner spiritual conversion during Lent shows itself in external changes in habits. **Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving** remain the foundation for this change. This year, our parish has adopted a project for the almsgiving (financial offering) part of our renewal. During Lent, we ask that you please consider making a sacrifice of some sort during the week (dining out as an example) which would produce additional personal funds and then offering these funds to be used by Christians in Pakistan struggling to survive

in a hostile environment. These funds may be given as an offering in the poor box in the vestibule or placed in the offering basket available Friday evenings at Stations of the Cross. All funds received will be forwarded to Bishop Prakash Yuhanna at Easter for use among the people in Pakistan. Please, be generous.

Church Sanctuary project Update

Update: Nick and the Pastor completed ½ 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.

Special Collection During March, our special collection benefits the parish and assists with its utilities which cost us all about \$8,500 per year Thank you for your support, big or small, it does make a difference.

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 19th, (moved due to conflict) 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, Christopher Reynolds, Marilyn, Jake Williams, Helen Petrone, 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 (6) Barbara Landy (7) David and Lillian DiSano (15) Den Buco (20)Ray Horbert (24) Dan Barchie (28) Jeanne Chatelle
May God bless you now and in the year ahead!

Lead by example and not just by word!