



# **Saint Patrick Catholic Church** **2068 Cranston Street** **Cranston, Rhode Island 02920**

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 On Facebook as "Saint Patrick Catholic Church"

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.*

## **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – April 9, 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, 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

**Ezekiel 37:12–14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:8–11; John 11:1–45 or 11:3–7, 17, 20–27, 33b–45**

Israel's lament to a seemingly silent God, "Why have you forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46) on the lips of Jesus, God's suffering and self-emptying servant, signals abandonment, but not despair. Though the specter of separation haunts their Last Supper, Jesus promises that he will "drink [the wine] new" with his disciples in the Father's kingdom (26:29).

In his agony then, and in the Church today, Jesus pleads, "Remain here and keep watch with me" (Matthew 26:38). Shrinking from suffering's cup, Jesus nevertheless prays as he had taught us, "Your will be done!" (26:42). Faced with armed foes, Jesus practices what he preached: loving his enemies, rejecting violence, renouncing retaliation. While Judas' despair leads to self-destruction, Peter lets Jesus turn his remorseful tears into forgiving streams, to which all have access once "the veil of the sanctuary is torn in two" (27:51).

Far from ending bleakly, Matthew's Passion comforts the Church, wounded by betrayal and denial, scarred by scandal and sin, and us, always falling and rising, sinning and repenting. For, although Jesus seems dead—tomb secured, seal fixed, guard set—his silent Abba (and ours) is already stirring nature, stirring hearts. An earthquake signals creation's seismic shifting, and even the dead rise. True, hostility to Jesus will never be lacking, but neither will courageous discipleship, sometimes where least expected: Gentile soldiers professing faith, a wealthy elder reverently caring for Jesus' body. Even we, disciples who too often "look on from a distance" (Matthew 27:55), respond to Christ's Passion today by profession of that timeless faith: he "rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures."

### Question of the Week

As I carry home the blessed palms that celebrate Jesus' victory, how will I embrace and implement Jesus' gentle, loving way of bringing about God's kingdom into my corner of the world?

### Next Sunday's Readings

**Acts 10:34a, 37–43; Psalm 118; Colossians 3:1–4; John 20:1–9**

## Announced Masses

### Sanctuary Light Memorial – In Prayer for the Growth of our Parish

04/08	5:00	Soul of Dominic Martin
04/09	8:30	Soul of Christine Montecalvo
	10:30	Soul of Clara Frio
04/10	7:00	Souls of Frs Leon Maynard and Clyde Walsh
04/11	7:00	Souls of John and Paula Galvin
04/12	7:00	Soul of Dominic Martin
04/13	7:00	Soul of Clara Frio
04/15	5:00	Souls of Deceased Parishioners
04/16	8:30	Souls of John and Paula Galvin
	10:30	Healing of Fr. Peter Scagnelli

By Deb Maguire

## Parish Activities and Announcements

**A Palm Ministry of Shared Faith!** For longer time than anyone can remember, Our Lord's entry into Jerusalem

### From the Pastor's Desk

was marked with Palms, both as a simple church decoration and also being taken home with you, marking your home as a Christian home and renewing your commitment to carrying your cross with Christ. This year, our palms are cut much thicker than usual with a hope that you will take them home with you and then share them with your Christian family and friends who might not have had opportunity to attend a

Palm Sunday service. Taking home a thick blessed palm and then separating a piece of it also gives a sense of unity and continuity of the mission of Christ while enabling others to participate and join in this mission. Our Lord entered Jerusalem triumphantly; now let us enter into his passion so that we may glory in his resurrection. God bless you all *Fr. Ryan*

**Holy Week and Easter** Today marks the beginning of Holy Week, and we invite you join us nightly as we enter the mystery of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection. Please see insert for information.

**Flower Help** We are in need of volunteers to assist in the placing of flowers for Easter next **Saturday morning at 10am**. Together, this job can be accomplished in an hour or so. Thank you in advance.

**TEXTING in Church**

**401-345-9934.**

Feel it...think it...share it with us!

Please view the Lenten Video of the Week

[https://youtu.be/G1oINg\\_N6Do](https://youtu.be/G1oINg_N6Do)

A thought provoking video appropriate for Lent

*A new video will be recommended each week.*

**Parish Council Meeting** There will be a meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup> 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** Since the beginning of Lent, we have asked you to experiment with making small sacrifices and then keeping track of the savings, large and small in an effort towards almsgiving....this year, to benefit children in Pakistan. **This program will complete THIS WEEKEND on Palm Sunday** and we ask that if you participated that you bring your "bag" with you to church where it will be collected at the rear of



the church before or after Mass. To date, \$290.00 has been received during Lent to date. Thank you!

**Special Collection** During April, 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.

**Palm Crosses** We will again have beautiful hand crafted 18 inch Palm Crosses available from Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> during office hours and next weekend for a donation of \$10.00 Supply is limited on a first come basis.



**Paddy's Porridge** As we approach the Spring, our parish sponsors Paddy's Porridge....the taste of the parish! On Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>...both bring your favorite Soup, Stew or Chili and join us for a wonderful afternoon of tasting! Prizes awarded for best of show.



There is no cost...2-4 in the church hall. Sign up available as we all pull out our best recipes!

**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 April 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 Sliner, 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 April: (9) Jack and Mason Ucci, (16) Marilyn Graf, (17) Anne-Marie Girard, (18) Deb Couture and (28) Missy Cupp.***

***May God bless you now and in the year ahead!***

**Lead by example and not just by word!**

**Our parish is always in need of both Mass intentions and Memorials for the**

**Mass Intentions**



**Sanctuary Light. Please speak with Fr. Roger to request either.**



***Please Plan on visiting us during Holy Week and Easter!***

**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!

**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!***