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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 Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 26, 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

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6–7, 10–13a; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8–14; John 9:1–41

As with the Samaritan woman, Jesus again assumes the divine Name: “I AM the light of the world” (John 9:5). To the man born blind, however, Jesus is, at first, simply “the man called Jesus” (9:11). But as with the Samaritan, movement occurs. Under interrogation, the blind man progresses: Jesus “is a prophet” (9:17). Finally, when Jesus finds him, so does faith: “I do believe, Lord” (9:38). But beyond spiritual movement, there is physical movement: Jesus searches and finds the man outside the temple, from which religious authorities have expelled him.

Simultaneously, an opposite movement occurs. The sighted religiously observant do not progress but regress. Embracing the disciples’ theory, which Jesus rejected, namely, that sin caused the man’s blindness, these religious leaders spew self-righteous insult: “You were born totally in sin, and you are trying to teach us?” (John 9:34). Unlike the once-blind man they finally expel, these spiritually blind devotees end up safely inside the temple, but locked out of the light-filled knowledge of Jesus as Lord: “If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, ‘We see,’ so your sin remains” (9:41).

“[Humans] see the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart” (1 Samuel 16:7). May Lent not leave us safe in complacent temples of righteous devotion, unaware that judging others has locked us in spiritual blindness. “Live [or walk] as children of light,” Paul urges (Ephesians 5:8). May our Lenten “walk” send us out to search for Jesus, whose light shines in others, and to search for others who long to see Jesus as Lord.

Question of the Week

How can I kindle Jesus’ light in my daily life? Who now “outside” should I go out searching for to bring “home” as this Lent unfolds?

Next Sunday’s Readings

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

Announced Masses

Sanctuary Light Memorial – In Prayer for the Soul of Jeremy Clere

03/25	5:00	Soul of Teagan Sullivan	
03/26	8:30	Soul of Marie Matarazzo	By the Parisi Family
03/26	10:30	Soul of Florence Mazika	By the Labonte Family
03/29	6:45	Soul of Joseph Voccio	By the Collins Family
04/01	5:00	Soul of Nancy Bourque	By Marie Sorman
04/02	8:30	Soul of Joseph Montecalvo	By the Maguire Family
04/02	10:30	Soul of Teagan Sullivan	By Marilyn Graf

Parish Activities and Announcements

Turning the light on! For several years, the next door resident in the building where the parish’s condo units are located was blind.

From the Pastor’s Desk

It was always important to keep this in mind to avoid her tripping in the hallways or on the property to keep things orderly, not necessarily perfect, but orderly, as she told me her one friend was “routine.” Everything the same, every day and she counted on this. It strikes me that this blind person may be not alone, as very many of us count on the routine of life and avoid the “trips and falls” of challenging ourselves, especially during the season of Lent, to overcome our spiritual blindness. This week, the man born blind is led through a series of interactions with Jesus not only to physical sight but to something far more important, spiritual sight, essentially turning on the

light....the light of faith....turning on the light.

As we cross the halfway point in Lent, why not close our eyes in darkness, assess our successes and failures and then open them in recommitment to the Lenten journey of prayer, fasting and almsgiving leading us to self emptying and rediscovering our new self. *Fr. Roger*

St. Patrick’s Day Dinner Our 17th Annual St. Patrick’s Day Dinner was a wonderful success last Sunday with over 80 in attendance including Bishop Gregory and Fr. John. Tomaselli’s food, our band “Split Time” and our honorary pixies, Geri, Marilyn, the Faccenda’s, the Marrocco’s and a cast of thousands.....all making the afternoon complete. Cake and Spumoni....it does not get better than that! Combined with a great selection of Penny Social items and the end product leaves everyone waiting for next year’s party. Well done everyone!

TEXTING in Church Almost never appropriate, except to hear how we are doing! Added to the front of the bulletin is our new text only number,

401-345-9934. We want and need your constant feedback...homilies, music, special events, suggestions for improvement, things to avoid and successes....we need to know. Drop us a txt and let us know how we are doing. Your feedback is greatly appreciated!

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.

Bishop Gregory We thank the bishop for celebrating our feast day with us, celebrating all three Masses and even pulling the winning numbers for the Pot-O-Gold. It is always a joy to see him and he sends his thanks for a warm reception and opportunity to meet you again.

Please view the Lenten Video of the Week

https://youtu.be/mJmAVogTp_Q

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 23rd 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 **Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.** 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 daily sacrifices 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 nation. *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.

Paddy's Porridge As we approach the Spring, our parish sponsors Paddy's Porridge....the taste of the parish! On Sunday, April 23rd...both bring your favorite Soup, Stew or Chili and join us for a wonderful afternoon tasting! Prizes awarded no



cost...2-4 in the church hall. Sign up available as we all pull out our best recipe's!

"Pot-O-Gold" Raffle Our very own Pot-O-Gold was found at the *end of the rainbow* at the Rosario Club yesterday. The Covingtons won \$560. Elizabeth Reis won \$50 and Barbara Landy won

\$25.00. The raffle netted the parish over \$500 and was a huge success to be repeated! Thank you to all who participated in this effort.

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 April 9th, 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!

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.



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