

**Saint Patrick Catholic Church
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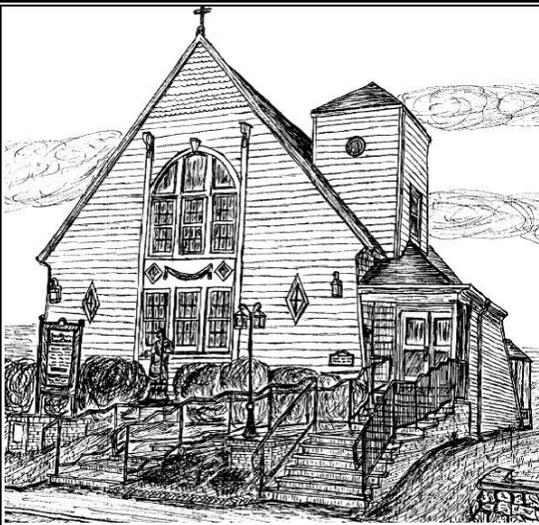
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We are in Communion with the Charismatic Episcopal Church
An international Catholic denomination



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 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 20, 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 56:1, 6–7; Psalm 67; Romans 11:13–15, 29–32; Matthew 15:21–28

Last Sunday Jesus chided Peter: “O you of little faith” (Matthew 14:31). Today, Jesus praises a woman whose only “name” identifies her as an ethnic “outsider” and Israel’s classic enemy, a Canaanite: “O woman, great is your faith!” (15:28). Last week, the disciples reduced Jesus to unreality, a ghost. Today, despite Jesus’ silence, refusal, and seeming insult, the Canaanite woman calls Jesus “Lord” and even “does Jesus homage.” All this *before* Jesus heals her daughter, a miracle she’s not even present to verify. Thus, a double outsider (a Gentile woman) teaches Jesus’ disciples authentic faith.

Moreover, she becomes a sign of the gospel’s universality. From this point on in Matthew’s Gospel, no one belongs under the Lord’s table, much less away from it. But sometimes less welcoming sentiments echo within us: “There have to be limits. . . . You can’t save the world, please everybody, befriend everyone. . . . Some people just aren’t ready, willing, or open.” But with Jesus, all are welcome; for all of us, says Paul, are alike, made brothers and sisters by our shared streak of disobedience. If Jesus will have even us, then who are we to judge?

Today’s Gospel raises a second question. Haven’t we each, at some time, met this silent Lord, who seems not to answer, or even harder to take, responds with a difficult word? The Canaanite woman teaches us patience, persistence, perseverance, and boundless confidence in Jesus’ personal love for each of us, appearances sometimes to the contrary.

Question of the Week

How patient is my prayer, how undaunted my confidence in Jesus’ personal love for me? How do I treat those who pester me for a share of my time, attention, love?

Next Sunday’s Readings

Isaiah 22:19–23; Psalm 138; Romans 11:33–36; Matthew 16:13–20

Announced Masses

Sanctuary Light Memorial – In Prayer for the Sick members of our parish

08/19	5:00	For Blessing Received	By Raheem Onibudo
08/06	8:30	Soul of Carol Petrone	By Marilyn Graf
	10:30	Soul of Florence Mazika	By The Labonte Family
08/09	7:00	Soul of John and Paula Galvin	
08/26	5:00	Soul of Peter Pond	By Nick Pond
08/27	8:30	Soul of Fr. Peter Scagnelli	
	10:30	Soul of Marianne “Mandy” Doyle	By Pat Crowshaw
08/16	7:00	Soul of John Securo	

Parish Activities and Announcements

What is truly Important. This week’s Gospel story presents us with an interesting question, as it reflects an outsider (non Jew) who nonetheless approaches Jesus for the cure of her daughter. The mother was an outsider and by custom was really entitled to nothing, yet she did not focus upon all of the negative implications in her approach to Jesus, but rather on the possibility that her situation could be alleviated, her daughter cured. There is a lesson in this for all of us, even us within the “household of faith.” Do not be focused on how difficult, how inappropriate, how unlikely something can be....approach God directly and sincerely. He heard this least of the least and will

From the Pastor’s Desk

always hear us in our needs and answer our prayers. As

was noted in this parable, Jesus rewards many things, but faith is chief among them. He hears us and in his own time answers when we call to him in faithful trust.

God bless you all *Fr. Royer*

Summer Picnic Our annual picnic will take place at this Sunday at Geri Bergreen’s home. Geri lives at 36 Butler Street. (401) 946-8403 on Sunday, August 20th from 2pm. We look forward to seeing many there and hope for nice weather for a leisurely afternoon of friendship, conversation and good food.



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.**



Religious Education Registration With the approach of



September, we look forward to the beginning of Religious Education for the 2017-18 year. Class instruction is mandatory for sacramental preparation (1st

Communion and Confirmation), and recommended for all children.. Please contact the office to register with us and parish membership is required.

In Memoriam This week, Diana Marrocco lost her mom, Louise Nascenzi who will be buried on Tuesday (<http://www.nardolillofh.com/notices/Louise-Nascenzi>). Felicia Petrone lost her mom and Stephanie her grand mother, Helen Petrone who was buried on Saturday (<http://www.nardolillofh.com/notices/Helen-Petrone>) Please keep them in your prayers.

Church Repairs accomplished Roof work is being accomplished towards the rear of the church and will be done shortly. Your financial support for the parish makes this possible and the repairs will be permanent.

Help for Veterans This week, we were paid a visit by Jim Collins on behalf of New Englanders Helping our Veterans. This organization provides a wide variety of assistance to veterans and is independent of the government. Information is on the board at the entrance to the church and Jim can be reached at 401-649-2548.

Ministry Opportunities We could use assistance with both readers for Mass and with Acolytes. Could you possible help us?



Speak with Fr. Roger/Deacon Noel.

Lead by example and not just by word!

Property Project Progresses Your parish council has decided to advance plans to finish the property behind the church for a memorial garden and reception area. It will be a great use of the property and add to the beauty of the church. Does anyone has experience or know someone who could assist/advise the Operations /Maintenance Committee in this matter. If so, they can contact Russ Landy by phone (401) 615-9089 or by email barbaralandy36@yahoo.com.

Parish Activity this week
Communication Committee...Monday at 7
 Meetings occur as scheduled at the church office
 All are invited to attend and to participate
Take possession: It's your parish

Design Help We are composing a mailing piece for distribution. Does anyone have experience with work such as this? Please speak with the pastor.

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 Video of the Week
<https://youtu.be/QXohOn9eZxc>
 A thought provoking video to aid in our prayer life
 A new video will be recommended each week.

Bulletin Advertiser The annual subscription for Bulletin Advertising is only \$75.00 for the WHOLE YEAR and is pro-rated. This presents a great value and opportunity to attract new customers. Advertise with us this year....support the parish, build your business

There is one space left....is it for you?

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

Wednesday Evenings at Saint Patrick's
Mass continues at 7pm
We are on summer break for Religious Education and Bible Study until September

Parish Prayer and Birthday List
Please keep this partial list in your prayers

Deb Buco, Dotty Diaz, Jinny Van Haelen, Chris Grady, Maureen Mazika, Patti Jo Sruiner, 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

Birthdays during August: (2) Kathy Cooney; (3) Marc Hannan; (7) Stephen Massarone; (18) Russell Landy; (25) Felicia Petrone; (28) Elizabeth Sanchez and (30) Dorothy Collins.

May God bless you now and in the year ahead!

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!