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Saint Patrick's is a welcoming Catholic Community.
The church is accessible to wheel chairs with assistance.

Second Sunday of Advent – December 9, 2018

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 **6:30**
 Holy Day Mass **7:00 pm** or as announced

Pastoral Staff

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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) 499-1076

We want your feedback – Good and Bad

YOU ARE WELCOMED No matter what your church status, your current family or marital situation, no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, and regardless of personal worthiness; YOU are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here.

Thank you today for joining us!

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 Scripture

Baruch 5:1–9; Psalm 126; Philippians 1:4–6, 8–11; Luke 3:1–6

- The people of Jerusalem had been driven out by the Babylonians during Baruch's time. But Baruch envisions the day—it had already happened by the time this book was written—when the Chosen People will return to the holy city. He holds out God's promise of transformation, when misery will change to joy. God will name Jerusalem "the peace of justice" (Baruch 5:4). A just peace seems especially distant in our day. How will justice come to those who live without means and without the opportunity or the power to change their condition? Only a true sharing of resources, opportunity, and power will bring a just peace, the peace of justice, to the world.
- A baptism of repentance, which John proclaims throughout the region, is both wonderful and challenging. The baptism part of it is cleansing and life-giving. But repentance—truly feeling remorse for what we have done and turning away from sin—is difficult. This kind of baptism calls for action from both parties. It echoes Isaiah, who proclaims both "make straight his paths" and "the winding roads shall be made straight" (Luke 3:4, 5). God acts in our lives, but we must act as well. God's grace does not release our responsibility.
- Saint Paul's prayer for the Philippians, "that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus," is an apt prayer for us at this time (Philippians 1:6). We need to be attentive to the second half of his prayer as well, to discern what is of value so that we can live lives that are good and holy.

Question of the Week

Can I properly discern what is of value and then act according to those values?

Next Week's Sunday's Readings

Zephaniah 3:14–18a; Isaiah 12; Philippians 4:4–7; Luke 3:10–18

Announced Masses

Sanctuary Light Memorial – For Dotty Dias for her continued recovery

12/08	5:00	Souls of John and Paula Galvin	
12/09	8:30	Soul of Fr. Peter Scagnelli	
	10:30	Soul of Richard Tooher (Month's mind)	by Mary Ann Tooher
12/12	6:30	Soul of Richard B. Tooher	by John Owens Jr
12/15	5:00	Soul of Richard B. Tooher	by John Owens Jr
12/16	8:30	Souls of John and Paula Galvin	
	10:30	Soul of Richard B. Tooher	by John Owens Jr
12/19	6:30	Soul of Richard B. Tooher	by John Owens Jr

Parish Activities and Announcements

Why we need your generous support. Each December, we reach out to our membership for committed support for the coming year. The letter you received noted a need for generous support and perhaps this word, "generous" needs explanation. We read daily of Catholic Churches closing around us and over the next decade, better than half of all parishes will close. While there are a number of reasons for this, the number one reason a parish closes is due to lack of generous financial support by their members. No one wants this parish to fail, so we request your support beyond a small offering. We need your committed and generous financial support. "Generous", within this context, means going beyond the minimum and walking in faith allowing God to care for you. It means taking parish responsibilities seriously and desiring to share with God the blessing we have received. This year, **our goal is to achieve \$120,000 in pledged support for the year**

ahead and therefore satisfy our budget requirements for 2019. Your pastor and deacon both join you in pledging to the financial success of the parish while volunteering our services. We believe in and are committed to the success of this parish. Can I please count on your support and invite you to rise up in generous support of this beautiful community resource and remember the words of scripture: **"where your treasure is there your heart will be also."** Please be generous in your parish support. God bless Fr. Roger

Holiday Cheer Raffle Thank you to all who supported this year's Holiday Cheer Raffle. 1st and 3rd prizes went to "lucky" Frank Rainone and John Rossi won the 2nd prize. This year's raffle was a success and we thank all who participated. It helps with parish expenses.

Parish Christmas Party We had an excellent turnout for our Christmas Party with nearly 90 joining us at the Rosario Club in Silver Lake. The food was great. Music with Mike

Marrocco was wonderful. Marilyn, Geri, Adrien and Elizabeth all helped with raffles and Ann Marie and Kim's help with centerpieces made it all look festive. Our Christmas Cake was wonderful. Even Santa stopped by to visit the 25 children and all had one of the best afternoons of the year. Thank you all for your support as we look forward to St. Patrick's Day in March.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Monday
December 24th at 3pm & 5pm
Christmas Day, Tuesday
December 25th at 10am

2019 Calendars Available Was you leave church over the weekend, please feel free to take a wall calendar with you for the new year. They are available to you free of charge.

Giving Tree We will once again sponsor a giving tree at the entrance to the church and ask, if you participate in this act of charity that you return gifts to the church, unwrapped by no later than Dec 14th for distribution by CCAP of Cranston. Thank you so much for your help and participation



Advent and Christmas Reflections We provide these daily reflection books for your use during Advent and Christmas. Please take one with you. They are at the entrance to the church and offer insight into the season. They are free of charge.



Christmas Caroling Join us on **TODAY at 1pm** at the Avalon Nursing Home, 57 Stokes Street, Warwick, RI. Hot Chocolate and cookies at the Corley's after the singing (140 Weetamoe Drive, Warwick, RI). Any questions please call



Michelle Corley, 742-2216

Special Collection The special collection taken up during the month of December will be used to assist with the utilities of the church. Please be generous.

Wine Club The Wine club next meets in January.

Amos House Ministry There is an opportunity to provide practical aid in the preparation of lunch at Amos house each 4th Sunday of the month (Dec 30th), in conjunction with others. For information, please speak with Deacon Noel or with Michelle Corley 401-742-2216. Thank you!

Wednesday Evenings at Saint Patrick's

Religious Education at 5:45 & Mass at 6:30

Bible Study at 7:00

Studying Church History – Materials will be supplied

2018-19 Religious Ed Schedule at this link:

Schedule for First Communion Students

<http://freepdfhosting.com/f3eaf7034f.pdf>

Schedule for Continuing Education Students

<http://freepdfhosting.com/4ebbb2b26f.pdf>

2019 Diocesan Mission Trip Next year, Deacon Noel is spearheading a mission trip to El Salvador. The trip, open those aged 15 and above will lead to an understanding of

conditions in Central America and will involve labor repairing residential housing. Dates for the trip are July 12 through July 22nd. Please speak with Deacon Noel.

Council Elections Elections for Parish Council are come up in January, if any member is interested in helping guide St Patrick's, contact Parish Council Pres. Adrien Mercure (adrien.mercure@gmail.com) or Fr Roger. The Parish Council consists of up to nine members; current members are Geri Bergeen, Michelle & Tim Corley, Marilyn Graf, Ron Labonte, Barbara & Russ Landy, and Adrien Mercure. Parish Council members serve for a two-year term.

Christmas Cookies and Meat Pies We are now accepting orders for homemade Christmas Cookies and for Holiday Meat Pies. Orders are due by December 16th with pick up just before Christmas on Dec 22/23rd. Please order early. Thank you for your support.

<http://freepdfhosting.com/4467486e0e.pdf>

Winter Coat / Blanket Drive

We are collecting at church this weekend and at our new and gently used winter coats and blankets for adult use. These will be forwarded to Amos House Ministries for distribution. Thank you for helping out.



Dunkin Donuts Gift Cards are now on sale
For face value of \$10.00. Sales benefit the parish

Parish Memorial Garden As our 20th anniversary approaches, Saint Patrick Catholic Church invites you to become a permanent part of our Memorial Garden and Pavilion by purchasing a commemorative tile or granite bench. The commemorative tiles will be installed on the face of raised garden beds and the granite benches will be distributed around the gardens and pavilion. This beautification and memorial project is presently underway!

Anointing of the Sick / Holy Hour of Adoration
December 9th following the 10:30 Mass
Anointing is available at any other time by request

Parish Prayer and Birthday List

Please keep this partial list in your prayers

Beth Hayes and Anne Hayes, Armand Lefebvre, Bernie Blumenthal, Deb Buco, Dotty Diaz, Dino Galiano, Jinny Van Haelen, Maureen Mazika, Patti Jo Srinier, 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 December: (2) Claire Homer; (7) Tammy Bottella, (11) Stephen Facenda, III; (12) Jim Covington; (16) Maria Richards; (21) Fr. Roger; (26) Ann Buonaccorsi.

May God bless you now and in the year ahead!

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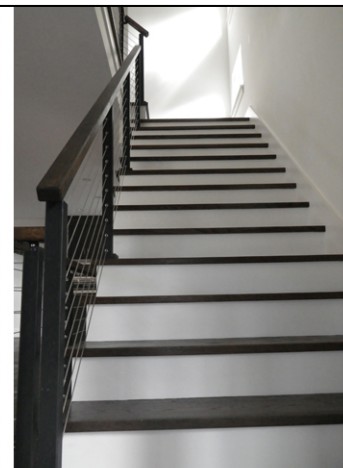
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