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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 in Advent – December 3, 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

ALL ARE WELCOME No matter what your present church status, your current family and 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 Scriptures

Isaiah 63:16b–17, 19b; 64:2–7; Psalm 80; 1 Corinthians 1:3–9; Mark 13:33–37

The Old Testament reading today is a prayer thought to have been written during the time that the Chosen People were exiled in Babylon. The writer—not Isaiah, but writing in the tradition of Isaiah—acknowledges their sinfulness and expresses their repentance. He longs for God to “rend the heavens and come down,” to redeem them from their sin. What he cannot know is that God will do exactly that in the person of Jesus. Though he could not imagine God’s Son coming into the world, he prophesied that God could do awesome deeds for those who place their trust in the Lord.

The writer of this passage from Isaiah uses this wonderful image of God as the potter. Think of a potter throwing the clay on a wheel and shaping a pot or vase. The potter’s hands immediately get messy with the wet clay. We who are the clay have this image of God actively shaping us through a hands-on, messy process. Perhaps this sense of intimacy enables the writer to plead with God the way he does.

The caution in today’s Gospel—“You do not know when the time will come”—is reminiscent of a pop quiz in school or a surprise inspection at work (Mark 13:33). The only assurance of being prepared, then, is to be prepared always. But Jesus does not only come at Christmas or at the end of time. Jesus also comes to us every day. Let us prepare our hearts to receive him always.

Question of the Week

As we begin the season of Advent, how am I preparing a place for Jesus in my life?

Next Sunday’s Readings

Isaiah 40:1–5, 9–11; Psalm 85; 2 Peter 3:8–14; Mark 1:1–8

Announced Masses

Sanctuary Light Memorial – In Prayer for the Ill of our parish family

12/02	5:00	For the Soul of Peter Pond	By Nick Pond
12/03	8:30	For the Soul of Ronald Maguire	By the Maguire Family
	10:30	Good Health / Recovery Dino Galiana	
12/06	6:45	Mental/Spiritual Health Elizabeth Kew	By the Sanchez Family
12/09	5:00	Soul of Fr. Peter Scagnelli	
12/10	8:30	Soul of Marie Custer	
	10:30	Soul of Valerie Gambuto	
12/13	6:45	Souls of John and Paula Galvin	

Parish Activities and Announcements

We are called to be counter-cultural. While Christmas is about a month away, one would never know it by the music on the radio, the advertisements and merchandise for sale since, what...July? While Christmas is being thrown upon us, we are welcomed to the Season of Advent and enter the annual preparation period for Christmas. This, in my opinion, is good for all of us because we all need to prepare a place for Christ in our hearts and in our lives. Christmas just does not happen....it is a process much the same as preparing a house for a special meal or a special visitor. The “preparation” takes a lot of time and effort. It is not a given. We are called to work hard and the traditional color for Advent is dark blue or purple suggests another aspect....penance. We move onto Christmas, hopefully by preparing a special place for the Christ Child in through acts of self sacrifice and penance suggesting that

From the Pastor’s Desk

We are in need of a good “sprucing up” before Christmas. This is best accomplished by acts of charity and kindness to others and through penance for our many faults. Last Sunday, we approached to Judgment and this week, we are still watching for the approaching Christ on Christmas day. God bless you all *Fr. Ryan*

Stewardship Appeal 2018 An appeal letter has been sent out to all active pledging members for 2018. **Our parish budget remains at \$110,000 or \$925 per parishioner / \$18.00 per parishioner, per week, every week, whether or not they attend church.** Neither the pastor nor deacon are paid and still pledge for the parish to remain solvent. Please think about your blessing and ability to support the parish and then please do so generously. We have maintained expenses as low as possible through careful stewardship of offerings received. I hope that we can count on your generous

support in this annual appeal. Please return the pledge card as soon as you can. Thank you.

The Splendor of Christmas

Our Annual Christmas Party takes place this afternoon at the Rosario Club. It will be a lot of fun as we await the arrival of Santa who will stop by to wish us all the best! The party runs from 2 – 5 and live entertainment is provided by Split Time. Look forward to seeing about 80 of you there.



Holiday Raffle Our Holiday Liquor Basket Raffle featuring three great prizes of \$150/\$100 and \$50 liquor baskets will be drawn at the Christmas Party. This is your last chance for tickets, which remain low cost at \$1.00/6 for \$5.00. Thank you for your support.



Giving Tree Once again, Saint Patrick's will be participating in the needs of our community through a "Giving Tree." As part of this effort, St. Patrick's has responded to an appeal from the Eleanor Slater state

The Giving Tree

Helping Those in Need



hospital to try to respond to some of their patient's needs. If you are unfamiliar with the hospital, many there are forgotten and we have the

opportunity to make a difference in their lives, as well as in the lives of children in the community. **Please return items UNWRAPPED by December 17th.** Thank you!

Christmas Caroling Join us for Christmas Caroling at Eleanor Slater Hospital, 11 Howard Ave, Cranston on Sunday, December 10th from 1-3PM. Space is limited. Contact person: Michelle Corley (401) 742-2216 It is a great way to welcome in the season. Thank you!



November Financial Report

Stewardship Offerings	\$5,394.00
Other Offerings	\$ 380.00
Special Offerings	\$ 375.00*
Total Offerings	\$6,145.00
Actual Cost (1/12 th Annual Budget)	\$9,167.00
Resulting Operating Loss	\$3,393.00-
Given to Charity	\$ 577.00
Diocesan Tax	\$ 520.00
Net Income to the parish	\$ 4,677.00

*Proceeds from the Special Collection for African Missions sent in full to the national church

Thank you all for your continued generosity.

Daily Reflections for Advent and Christmas

Once again, St. Patrick's is happy to assist you in your prayerful preparation with daily meditations for



Advent and Christmas. The books are available complimentary at the entrance to the church with the hope that you will find them helpful in your spiritual preparation for Christmas and throughout the Christmas Season.

Holiday Meat Pies



Many enjoy this Christmas treat. Order forms are available at the church entrance and are due back by Dec 15th. They will be available for pick up after Dec 19th and during the week.

Musical "Notes" from Justin The communion hymn, "Eye Has Not Seen," was chosen for its resonance with Isaiah 64:4 from today's readings, "From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him." (This line is also quoted in 1 Corinthians 2:9.)

Stonewall Kitchen Fine Products! The Social Committee, in conjunction with the pastor is offering for sale a variety of fine gourmet food items from the famous *Stonewall Kitchens of York, Maine*. We are offering them at substantial discount to normal fair trade retail....check them out, pick some up for the house or for gift giving.....as their quality is second to none and all sales benefit our parish and help us.

Anointing of the Sick / Holy Hour of Adoration
December 10th following the 10:30 Mass
Join us for Healing and for Prayer

Wednesday Evenings at Saint Patrick's
Religious Education at 6pm

Mass at 6:45

Bible Study at 7:15

For this week prepare Matthew Chapters 19 and 20

Religious Ed Schedule at this link:

<http://freepdfhosting.com/9feb17dec7.pdf>

Parish Prayer and Birthday List

Please keep this partial list in your prayers

Deb Buco, Dotty Diaz, Dino Galiano, Jinny Van Haelen, Chris Grady, Maureen Mazika, Patti Jo Sriner, 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 December: (1) Nicole Ucci, (2) Claire Homer, (11) Stephen Faccenda, 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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