



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

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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 Second Sunday of Ordinary Time – January 15, 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, please feel free to  
 take the child to the baptistery area

## **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 49:3, 5–6; Psalm 40; 1 Corinthians 1:1–3; John 1:29–34***

Today, Isaiah heralds the kind of Messiah John's "Lamb of God" will be. "Servant" appears three times in three lines, suggesting an ideal for us to embrace. This Servant's priority is to bring back, gather, raise up, and restore Israel. But the mission is more expansive: to be "a light to the nations," bearing God's salvation "to the ends of the earth" (Isaiah 49:6). "Sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy" (1 Corinthians 1:2), as Paul describes us, we servants of that Servant must consider our corner of the world "the ends of the earth," and plan how to bring "grace and peace" to those we meet who need Jesus' light and warmth.

John's proclamation of Jesus as "the Lamb of God" should trigger memories of contexts saving and nourishing, transcending space and time and opening us to eternity, into which our relationship with Jesus as the Lamb of God has inserted us: the liturgy of the Passover (past) fulfilled in Jesus, the true Paschal Lamb, who offers himself unceasingly in the liturgy of the Eucharist (present), while giving us a foretaste of the heavenly liturgy (future).

Most comforting, Jesus is "the Lamb of God, who takes away the [sin/sins] of the world" (John 1:29). In Gospel passages, "sin" appears in the "collective singular," affirming Jesus' lifting away the whole crushing burden of a fractured world. In liturgical texts, the plural "sins" is often used, inviting us to entrust to Christ's infinite compassion our own personal, multiplied share in the brokenness of the wider world.

### ***Question of the Week***

To whom and how am I being called to be the servant of God's "raising and restoring" Jesus?

### ***Next Sunday's Readings***

***Isaiah 8:23—9:3; Psalm 27; 1 Corinthians: 1:10–13, 17; Matthew: 4:12–23***

## Announced Masses

### ***Sanctuary Light Memorial – In Memory of Theresa Chamberland by the Chatelle Family***

01/14	5:00	For the Growth of our Parish	
01/15	8:30	John and Paula Galvin	
01/15	10:30	Soul of Theresa Chamberland	By The Chatelle Family
01/18	6:45	For the Soul of Fr. Michael Harmon	
01/21	5:00	Soul of Thomas Moon (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniv)	By Dorothy Diaz
01/22	8:30	Soul of Aldora Durand	
01/22	10:30	Soul of Theresa Chamberland	By The Chatelle Family

## Parish Activities and Announcements

***So the Journey begins!*** While we complete the first week of Ordinary Time and celebrate the second this weekend, we look to the scriptures to give us direction. We remember that during Ordinary Time, our Journey is to learn from the Lord and imitate the lessons presented in the parables. This weekend, as an orienting weekend, St. John's Gospel presents us with a challenge to begin the process of "knowing the Lord." We see how the baptist begins his discourse not knowing Jesus and then progresses to the point of declaring him to be the Son of God. The weekend readings point us to a familiar and specific challenge, and that is one of servitude. It seems that the more we know the Lord, the more we realize how much service is expected of us. They seem to go hand in hand. Throughout our year with St. Matthew, we will again and again see the universal call to discipleship call all, Jew and Gentile to

a life in Christ. We pray that as we begin together that the Lord leads us to a deeper knowledge of who he is.

God bless you all. *Fr. Ryer*

**Annual Meeting** The Annual Meeting of the parish will occur on Sunday, January 29th following the 10:30 Mass. On this date, we will elect a new parish council for a two year term, review financial information and have opportunity to be heard on any topic you may wish to bring up. Please make an effort to attend. Thank you.

**Parish Council** Our parish council regularly is between 6 and 8 active parish members who wish to exercise a degree of leadership assisting the parish in the management of the parish. We are in need of members desiring to serve on this council. If this interests you, please speak with the pastor or deacon Noel and we will add you to the ballot. It is a commitment to attending bi monthly meetings.



**Mass Ministries** If you have a desire to donate of your time, perhaps assisting at Mass might be a wonderful way of doing this. We need assistance of Lectors, Servers and Eucharistic "Cup bearers." Please speak with the Pastor or deacon Noel.

Weekly Religious Education – Schedule at this link:  
<http://freepdfhosting.com/092f2d911f.pdf>  
Classes Resume – Wednesday Evening meetings at 6:00

**Bible study with Deacon Noel**

Weekly Bible passages for preparation  
for the Spring Classes:

January 18th First Timothy, Chapter 2

January 25th First Timothy, Chapter 3

February 1st First Timothy, Chapter 4

**Valentine's Day Appetizers and Desserts** The return of this competition for best appetizer and dessert will take place on Sunday afternoon, February 12, 2-4. All are invited to enter and prizes will be offered in each category. Join us for a fun filled event and there is no charge. Sign up available and we look forward to an afternoon worthy of St. Valentine himself.

**Help with Church Sanctuary project** We have a project we are beginning this week and could use some assistance. Our chairs and the floor of the church are showing some wear and we thought to give them a small "facelift." Each week, Nick Pond will be working on this project on Tuesdays and it involves three elements: spot refinishing the bottom legs of the chairs, spot refinishing the floor where it needs it and lastly, replacing stick on felt pads, as needed, to prevent damage to the floor caused by the chairs. If you can help, I know that Nick would appreciate the assistance on Tuesdays.

**2016 Tax Letters** These are being prepared and will be sent out this week. Please look for it in the mail.

**Adoption Sunday** Our return to ordinary time brings with it an end to the Christmas Season and the discarding of the poinsettias. Many have a lot of life in them and if you desire one or two, please feel free to take one home with you over the weekend. They will be discarded next week.

**Gift Cards for Business** If you are involved in a business which makes use of gift cards, please consider purchasing these cards through the parish and the small commission received does help us financially and assist the parish in paying it's obligations.

**Special Collection** During January, our special collection benefits the Pro-Life Apostolate of the ICCEC. Please help us by being generous! Thank you.

**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 February 12<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 Srinier, Mary Steinkamp, Geri Bergreen, Dan Barchie, John McGarrahan, Gina Mazika, Fr. Peter Scagnelli, Rose Pagano, Alaina Dieffenbach, Clara Frio, Christopher Reynolds, Marilyn, Jake Williams, Helen Petrone, Lou Pagano, 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**

**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.**



**Birthdays during January: (15) Raheem Onibudo; (16) Frank Rainone and (17) Dotty Diaz.**

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

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

**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!

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**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!**

**Why St. Patrick's Church?** When people are considering making a faith community their "spiritual home," they often ask themselves why this particular community rather than another...or no community at all! When this happens, a kind word of support for Saint Patrick's can make a wonderful difference. We are accepting of our members and visitors and offer an ideal home to couples of "mixed faiths." Our practice of an open Communion to the baptized sets us apart from our Roman cousins and we offer bible based preaching within Mass.

*For many, our parish is the ideal fit*