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On Facebook as "Saint Patrick Catholic Church"

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 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 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 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

Jeremiah 20:7–9; Psalm 63; Romans 12:1–2; Matthew 16:21–27

Today Peter, the Rock, stumbles over Jesus' predicted Passion, prompting Jesus to label Peter as "Satan . . . an obstacle [stumbling block] to me" (Matthew 16:23). Jesus puts Peter and us in our place; literally, "Get behind me," i.e., where disciples belong, following the Master, imitating the Master's self-sacrificing love (16:23). Peter needed to learn, as do Christians in every age, including ours that professing the faith is just the beginning. "Talking the talk" means nothing without "walking the walk."

Then and now, Jesus does not match the popular concept of "Messiah:" a champion to liberate our world—health-, wealth-, and success-obsessed—from conflict and contradiction, pain and suffering, tragedy and waste. Instead, God's Suffering Servant willingly accepts death, absorbs all the physical and emotional pain human beings can inflict upon one other, in order to heal the human heart from within and liberate all humanity for eternal life. Thus, the disciples then and we now need to learn that Jesus' way, our way, must be the way of the Cross.

The price of "not conforming myself to this age" is steep, as Paul and Peter, like Jeremiah and Jesus before them, discovered (cf. Romans 12:2). Losing life to find it. Forfeiting self to profit others. How lonely discipleship's journey would be, were not disciples past and present and Jesus journeying with us! But what indescribable joy, even in the midst of suffering, to be channels for others of God's pardon and peace, the grace and goodness that always finds us when we lose ourselves for others and for God.

Question of the Week

Jesus bids me "deny myself" before "taking up the cross" and "following." What radical shift of values, reordering of priorities, refocusing of vision must take place in my heart as discipleship's non-negotiable first step?

Next Sunday's Readings

Ezekiel 33:7–9; Psalm 95; Romans 13:8–10; Matthew 18:15–20

Announced Masses

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

09/02	5:00	Soul of Deborah Lema	By the Landy Family
09/03	8:30	Soul of Louise Nascenzi	
	10:30	Soul of Helen Petrone	
09/06	6:45	Soul of Rita Rose	
09/09	5:00	Soul of Clementine Landy	By the Family
09/10	8:30	Souls of John and Paula Galvin	
	10:30	Soul of Clara Frio	
09/13	6:45	Soul of Fr. Peter Scagnelli	

Parish Activities and Announcements

Walking the walk. It is always wonderful (in my opinion) when Jesus speaks to his disciples (and to us) as

From the Pastor's Desk

bluntly as he does this week; no beating around the bush, no hints, no "what if's"....no, bluntly telling us that to be his disciple **we must** take up our cross daily and follow him (imitate him in our daily living). Yet, how many of us do this? When each of us became his disciple on the day of our baptism, we began a long journey of imitation, conformity and sacrifice. We were all expected to walk the walk of carrying our crosses and of sacrificing of our time, talent and treasure in recognition of what we all hope to attain: eternal life with God in heaven. So how is that walk going for YOU? Are you living a life of sacrifice or of comfort

and looking the other way when a cross presents itself to be carried? Are you prepared to daily walk the walk or is the entire thing theoretical? I have no idea how any of you feel, but I can tell you how Jesus felt and lived and he walked the walk of carrying his actual cross...for us! God bless you all *Fr. Ryan*

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.**



August Financial Report

Stewardship Offerings	\$4,725.00
Other Offerings	123.00
Special Collection	816.00
Total Offerings	\$4,848.00
Actual Cost (1/12 th Annual Budget)	(\$9,167.00)
Resulting Operational Loss	(\$4,319.00)
Given to Charity	485.00
Diocesan Tax	436.00
Net Income to the parish	\$4,743.00

Thank you for your continued and generous support!

Mass Attendance The financial report for August resulted in a shortfall of offerings directly related to poor Mass attendance. While some parishioners make up missed weeks, too many do not, which resulted in 50% of budget achieved down over \$2,000 from July. Please try to attend Mass regularly and to make up missed offerings. It is the only way to keep this parish alive, and please try to be as generous as you can. Thank you!

Religious Education Registration



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.

Classes begin Wednesday, September 6th at 6pm

Bible Study In conjunction with Religious Education, Bible Study will also begin September 6th at 7:15.

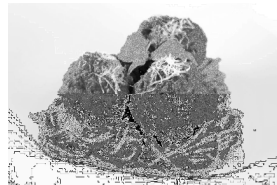
Ministry Opportunities We could use assistance with



both readers for Mass and with Acolytes. Could you possibly help us? Speak with Fr. Roger/Deacon Noel.

Lead by example and not just by word!

Meatballs Galore It is that time of year when we pay tribute to wonderful Italian food with our Italian Dinner with meatball competition. If you are new to the parish, THIS is what all the talking is about....who makes the best meatballs! On Sunday, October 1st, 2-4, we have a simple Italian dinner and entered pot-luck meatballs with all attending given the opportunity to judge them! There is no cost but please sign up so we can plan appropriately. Signup at the stairs and lower hall. Buon Appetito!



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/J1mWZQ1sdKQ>

A thought provoking video to aid in our prayer life

A new video will be recommended each week.

Special Collection During September, 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 Religious Education at 6pm

Mass at 6:45pm

Bible Study begins at 7:15

Summer break ends on September 6th

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 Srinier, 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 September: (10) Antonia Sparrer and Debbie Horbert, (11) Kathleen Faccenda, (12) Nick Pond, (18) Adrien Mercure, (19) Ann Marie Krzan, (21) Bob Buonaccorsi and Bernie Blumenthal, (22) Evelyn Cionci and (23) Fran Chatelle.

May God bless you now and in the year ahead!

All Saints Party >Save the Date< Saturday, November 3, 2017 at the Rosario Society Hall in Silverlake. Join us for an evening of fun, light buffet and music, 6:30 til 11.

Tickets available soon. Contact Geri 401-523-6240.



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!

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 others and we offer bible based preaching within Mass.

For many, our parish is the ideal fit

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!