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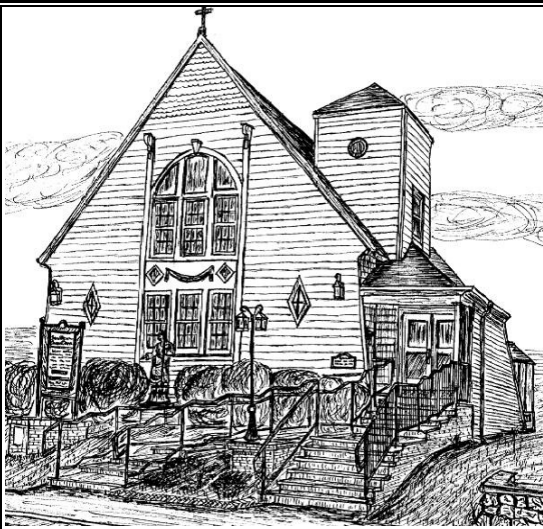
Web Site: SaintPatrickCatholicChurch.org

 On Facebook as "Saint Patrick Catholic Church"

We are in Communion with the Charismatic Episcopal Church

An international Catholic denomination

Love God ♦ Love Neighbor ♦ Make Disciples



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

Third Sunday in Lent – March 4, 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 6:45
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

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 Scriptures

Exodus 20:1–17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:22–25; John 2:13–25

At first blush, the Ten Commandments sound like a list of rules. But when you look at the actual words, you see that they are personal and relational. Each begins or includes the word “you.” They all concern the relationship between us and God or our relationships with each other. They form the foundation of the covenant between God and the Chosen People. Even among these commandments, God shows that the odds are tilted in humanity’s favor. Punishment will be inflicted “down to the third and fourth generation,” which sounds awful, but mercy will be bestowed “down to the thousandth generation,” basically forever (Exodus 20:5–6). God’s anger does not last forever, but God’s love does.

Jews and Gentiles are both blinded by their expectations, but in different ways. The Jews of Jesus’ time had expectations of a Messiah who would come with worldly power and defeat whatever regime was ruling them. A suffering and dying Messiah made no sense. The Greeks, with their emphasis on philosophy, valued wisdom. Philosophy, after all, means “love of wisdom” in Greek. What wisdom is there in following someone who eschewed fame, embraced the outcasts, and eventually was put to death? But “the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength” (1 Corinthians 1:25). The wisdom and the power of God were not obvious, even to his disciples at the time, but it was in humbling himself that he became exalted.

The Gospel takes place in the temple in Jerusalem, the sign of God’s presence here on earth. And it takes place around the feast of Passover, when the deliverance of God’s Chosen People from Egypt is recalled. But Jesus is able to say, “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up,” for he himself is God’s presence here on earth more than any human construction, and he is the agent of salvation more than the remembrance of Passover (John 2:19).

Question of the Week

How can I take the mercy and wisdom of God and pass it on to others in my day-to-day life? Am I providing an example of God’s mercy in my relationships with others? Am I providing an example of God’s wisdom by valuing what the world ridicules?

Next Sunday’s Readings

2 Chronicles 36:14–16, 19–23 Psalm 137, Ephesians 2:4–10; John 3:14–21

Announced Masses

Sanctuary Light Memorial – In Prayer for the Soul Theresa Chamberland by the Chatelle Family

03/03	5:00	Thanksgiving for Blessing Received	By Raheem Onibudo
03/04	8:30	Souls of John and Paula Galvin	
	10:30	Soul of John Cionci	By Evelyn Cionci
03/07	6:45	Soul of Fr. Peter Scagnelli	
03/10	5:00	Soul of Fr. Leon Maynard	
03/11	8:30	Souls of John and Paula Galvin	
	10:30	Soul of Clara Frio	
03/14	6:45	Soul of Chris Grady	

Parish Activities and Announcements

Changes Coming: Even while we continue our weekly journey and renew the covenants God has made with us bringing us closer to Holy Week, it is also a good time to make a few changes in the liturgy which I think will be good for the parish. Beginning this week, when visitors are with us, there will be proper introductions at the beginning of Mass welcoming them and secondly, the “post Communion” announcements will still be made, but greatly streamlined with an emphasis on taking a bulletin home and encouraging

From the Pastor’s Desk

each to actually read it. Both of these changes, while seemingly minor, will have a good effect is presenting us as even more welcoming while not overly rehashing the bulletin. Please give me your feedback.

God bless *Fr. Roper*

Season of Lent During this season of repentance, we will send out by email a list of simple ideas to bring about personal conversion, a calendar showing a daily action



item to enhance your prayer life and a complete parish calendar of Lenten events. If you need written copies of these items, ask us and will be happy to provide them for you. We want to work with you to make this lent beneficial to your spiritual life.

Saint Patrick Day Dinner Our Annual celebration will take place at the Rosario Club on Sunday, March 18th from 2 – 5 in the afternoon. Cost is \$19/13 and tickets are available right now at each Mass and from the office during the week...let's celebrate our parish anniversary together!



February Financial Statement

Stewardship Offerings	\$5,893.00
Other Offerings	\$ 91.22
Special Collection	\$ 849.00
Total Offerings	\$6, 833.22
Actual Cost (1/12 th Budget)	\$9, 167.00
Resulting Operational Loss	\$2, 334.00
Given to Charity	\$ 598.00
Diocesan Tax	\$ 539.00
Net income to the parish	\$5, 696.22

Parish Support We remain grateful to those of you who support the parish when unable to attend Mass. We are an active parish supporting many ministries, needs, and social services within our community. Thank you for your generosity.

Lenten Devotions Friday 7pm To aid in our spiritual growth, we retrace Our Lord's Way of the Cross and prayerfully honor the exposed presence of the Lord in Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament each Friday of Lent at 7pm. *Join us on our journey!*

Pot-O-Gold Raffle Our Annual Saint Patrick's Day Split the Pot Raffle will be drawn at the dinner on March 18th. Tickets are now available and have been distributed. Please make returns quickly and as always, cost remains at \$1.00 a ticket to benefit the parish. May you have the luck of the Irish!



Anniversary Committee St Patrick's continues to grow and touch lives. What started modestly back in 2000 is quickly approaching its 18th anniversary as a parish. As such we are looking for volunteers to help plan and mark our 20th year as a special one. If you are interested in helping plan events and activities to commemorate our 20th year (which starts in March 2019) please contact Adrien Mercure (adrien.mercure@gmail.com) or Geri Bergreen (tbgeri@aol.com). So many thanks!

Overcomers Retreat Fr. John Van Haelen has tentatively scheduled a 12-Step oriented retreat for October 25 – 27th in Connecticut. Information is available on the bulletin board and right now, we are looking for interest from among our parish and friends for this retreat. If you feel it interests you, please let Patti know in the office by email or call and Fr. John will be in touch with you.

Penny Social Donations We are in need of donations of "penny social" items for the coming dinner in March. If you can help, it would be great. Thank you.

Social Media / Web Site We are seeking assistance with a "make over" of our website and assistance with managing Social Media We will be hiring soon for both and are seeing your input and suggestions.

Special Collection The special collection taken up during the month of March will be used to assist the parish in our utility expenses. Please be generous.

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

Anointing of the Sick / Holy Hour of Adoration
Sunday, March 1st following the 10:30 Mass
Anointing is available at any time by request

Wine Club Our next wine club meeting will be on **Saturday, March 10th following the 5pm Mass** and will be an open format welcoming anyone wishing to join the club. This month, it will be hosted by the Frank Rainone and will feature Pinot Grigio wine. The event is pot-luck and we ask that you bring some food stuffs. Wine is provided by the host. A great opportunity to learn a bit and enjoy each other's company.



Musical "Notes" from Justin At the 5:00 and 10:30 masses, the offertory will be "Pie Jesu" from Fauré's *Requiem*. The text translates as "Blessed Jesus, Lord, grant them Eternal rest." At the 8:30 Mass, the offertory will be "Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door," an African American spiritual.

✠ *In your charity please remember our deceased* ✠
parishioner
Clara Frio (3/26)
Eternal Rest grant unto her, O Lord

Wednesday Evenings at Saint Patrick's
Religious Education at 6:00 & Mass at 6:45
Bible Study at 7:15
Religious Ed Schedule at this link:
<http://freepdfhosting.com/9feb17dec7.pdf>

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 Sriner, 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 March: (1) Jack Hannan (2) Trinity Greene (6) Barbara Landy (20) Ray Horbert (24) Dan Barchie (28) Jeanne Chatelle

May God bless you now and in the year ahead!