

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

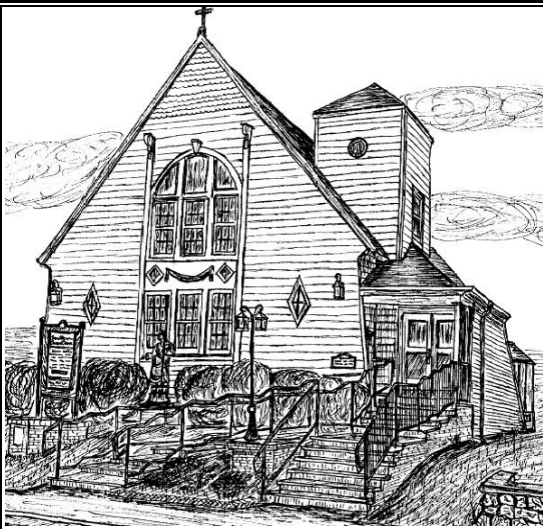
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We are in Communion with the Charismatic Episcopal Church
An international Catholic denomination



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 in Advent – December 10, 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 40:1–5, 9–11; Psalm 85; 2 Peter 3:8–14; Mark 1:1–8

It may be difficult to fully appreciate the extent of the suffering that the Jewish people underwent during the years of their exile in Babylon. Nebuchadnezzar's army had defeated Judah, the temple was destroyed, and the people were deported from the Promised Land. It would have been easy to lose hope, not knowing how long they would be without a home. The author of this section of Isaiah wrote during this bleak time. It would have been natural to write a diatribe or a lament, but he wrote a message of hope, a book of consolation as it is often called. One can hope that it consoled the faithful, giving them a vision of redemption. Such a vision can sustain us as we suffer trials in our own time.

The author of Second Peter wrote during an interesting era. A hundred years or so after the Resurrection, Christians still anticipated that Jesus would return in glory any day. We still believe this, but we are not surprised when another year, or indeed our entire lifetime goes by without it happening. But at this time, in the second century, Christians were just gradually coming to accept the reality that the Second Coming, was not right around the corner. This may have led to consternation among the faithful and derision from nonbelievers. Second Peter makes the observation that God's perspective of time is nothing like ours, so "one day" could be "a thousand years" (2 Peter 3:8). He then attributes this delay as a sign of God's patience, giving time for all to repent and become holy.

In order to prepare people for the coming of Jesus, John the Baptist invited them to repent and be forgiven. The water of the Jordan River symbolized the cleansing of sin that baptism brought to the believer. It also symbolized the renewal of life after being parched in the desert, as John was, as Isaiah was, as the people in exile were, as we still can be today.

Question of the Week

In what ways do I feel parched, spiritually or emotionally? How can Jesus' presence satisfy my thirst? How can I prepare myself for Christ's presence?

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 61:1–2a, 10–11; Luke 1, 1 Thessalonians 5:16–24; John 1:6–8, 19–28

Announced Masses

Sanctuary Light Memorial – In Prayer for the Ill of our parish 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 Lucy and Carlo Tirocchi	By Dot Collins
12/16	5:00	Souls of John and Paula Galvin	
12/17	8:30	Soul of John Securo	
	10:30	Soul of Valerie Gambuto-Carnevale (1 st Anniv)	By The Labonte Family
12/20	6:45	Soul of Rita Rose	

Parish Activities and Announcements

Joyfully overcoming adversity. It was right around this time of year, over 10 years ago, that I officiated at a graveside service for a special needs adult in Bristol. I remember the day well. I completed the beginning of the service and the deceased's brother stood up and spoke words I would never forget. He spoke of his dead sister Mary's having every right to be bitter for her earthly disabilities but noted that instead Mary provided an example by her constant positive attitude and of her love for the life God had given her. I was moved to hear this and at the same time challenged

From the Pastor's Desk

in the face of my own minor troubles in life, and I think we can all relate, to always be untiringly thankful for the blessings of this life. Advent is a time to renew our own dedication to the inner changes in our lives which make this happiness possible. It just does not happen, it takes dedicated hard work every day of our lives.

God bless you all *Fr. Ryan*

Stewardship Appeal 2018 An appeal letter was sent to you last week as we face the year ahead. Please read through the letter and return the pledge card for 2018. Remember, a committed offering is necessary to remain active in the parish, but you set the level of generosity in


the light of the many blessing you have in this life.
Our parish budget for 2018 remains at \$110,000 or \$925 per parishioner / \$18.00 per parishioner, per week, every week, whether or not they attend church.

The Splendor of Christmas Our Annual Christmas Party was a huge success, as it usually is last Sunday and even Santa himself made comment! Thanks to all who attended and to Geri, Marilyn and Elizabeth who worked behind the scenes making our introduction to the Christmas Season a joyful one. Thank you all!

Holiday Raffle Our Holiday Liquor Basket Raffle was a big hit as it always is. Top prize went to Ann Marie Krzan with Pat Crowshaw winning 2nd and 3rd place and Joe Botelho winning our added 4th basket. Many thanks to all who participated in this raffle's success.

Parish Council Our Annual Meeting is in January and your parish council is seeking interest from among the members. There are three openings. If you would like to join our active team, please drop a note to our president at adrien.mercure@gmail.com. Thank you.

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  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 15th.** 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!



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 Offertory (5:00 and 10:30) is Comfort Ye, a solo from Handel's Messiah. At the 8:30 mass, the Offertory is "To You I Lift My Soul," by John Dunn and John Ireland. I will discuss this one in more detail next week.

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

Stonewall Kitchen Fine Products! Fine gourmet food items from the famous *Stonewall Kitchens of York, Maine*. We are offering them at substantial discount to normal prices....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.

>>Christmas Sale \$1.00 off already low prices<< >>\$3.00 off all baskets through Christmas<<

Anointing of the Sick / Holy Hour of Adoration Today 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 Chapter 20 & 21 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!

Lead by example and not just by word!

✠ **In your charity, please remember our deceased parishioners** ✠

Valerie Gambuto – Carnevale (12/16)

Marie Custer (12/23)

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord