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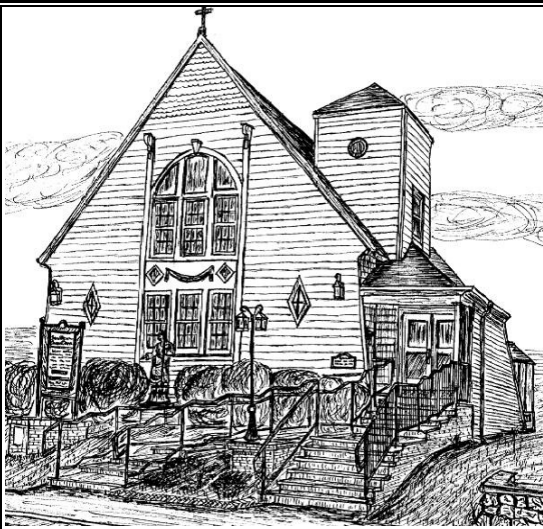
Web Site: SaintPatrickCatholicChurch.org

 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.

Second Sunday in Lent – February 25, 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 WELCOME 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

Genesis 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18; Psalm 116 Romans 8:31b–34; Mark 9:2–10

The story of Abraham nearly sacrificing his only child is a difficult one to hear or to appreciate. It helps to understand that this story is told to show how faithful and obedient Abraham is. “God put Abraham to the test” and Abraham passes (Genesis 22:1). He places his trust in God without knowing why he is being asked to do this or how God’s promise to him of innumerable descendants can still be kept. It also helps to connect this story of Abraham and Isaac with the fact that the Father allowed his own Son to suffer and die in order to effect our salvation. Like Abraham, Jesus trusts in God and obeys God’s will.

In the Gospel Jesus is transfigured and appears in glory with Elijah and Moses to his inner circle of disciples—Peter, James, and John. It could have impressed and encouraged them, but instead they are terrified and later confused after Jesus tells them that he will rise from the dead. Like Abraham, they are not prepared for what they see and what they are told. In the previous chapter of Mark’s Gospel, Peter rebuked Jesus when Jesus first told his disciples would suffer, die, and then rise in three days. At this point, Peter is unable to understand or accept what Jesus reveals to him.

Strong in faith or weak in faith, God has a special place for all. Abraham was strong in faith, the very model of trust in God. He obeyed God even in extreme circumstances, willing to sacrifice his own son if this is what God demanded. Peter, on the other hand, repeatedly comes up short in the Gospels. Questioning on the mountain, sleeping in Gethsemane, denying in Jerusalem, and doubting when trying to walk on water, Peter’s faith is often weak. Yet Jesus chooses Peter to lead the church, as God chose Abraham and his descendants to inherit the land.

Question of the Week

In the Gospel, God says, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him” (Mark 9:7). What is Jesus saying to me? What is Jesus asking me to do?

Next Sunday’s Readings

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

Announced Masses

Sanctuary Light Memorial – In Prayer for the Soul of Joseph Montecalvo (1st) by the Maguire Family

02/24	5:00	Soul of Peter Pond	By Nick Pond
02/25	8:30	Souls of John and Paula Galvin	
	10:30	Soul of Armand Cionci	By Evelyn Cionci
02/28	6:45	Soul of Valerie Gambuto-Carnevale	
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	

Parish Activities and Announcements

Salvation History: Even if you know very little of the Catholic faith and have little knowledge of Christianity altogether, I am sure you can understand that all of salvation history was a *process* and took great amounts of time, culminating with Christ’s mission to the Jewish people and to the world. This history, what happened and how and why it happened, are what we explore yearly during the 5 weeks of Lent with a “refresher course” being offered on Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil. It is a wonderful history of God’s steadfast presence in human history and of our failing to live up to

From the Pastor’s Desk

our part of the agreement or covenant. I invite you to please visit us over Lent and explore with us the covenants given by God to each one of us and understand better how we arrived at Christ’s salvific mission to the Jews first of all, and then to all. It is an uplifting message of God’s presence and will aid you in understanding how we, as Jesus’ disciples come to our mission to make other disciples of all people. Join us. God bless *Fr. Ryan*

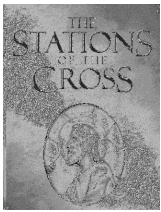
Season of Lent During this season of repentance, we will send out by email a list of



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.

Valentine's Day Competition It was a spirited competition last Sunday with our pastor's "mini Chicken Francais" capturing best appetizer and a tie in the desert category between Barb Blumenthal's lemon squares and Jennie Martinez caramel apple cheesecake squares. It was a fun time and we look forward to a renewed competition next year! Thanks to Marilyn and Geri for all their assistance and to all who participated.

Way of the Cross/Benediction 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!*



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 \$18/12 and tickets are available right now...let's celebrate our parish anniversary together!

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!

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 February will be used to assist the parish in our utility expenses. Please be generous.

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.

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 cut rate prices!

> **Clearance Sale - Half Off remaining inventory** <

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 The opening hymn this week, "'Tis Good, Lord, to be Here," is sung in honor of the Transfiguration, which is always commemorated on the second Sunday in Lent. The offertory, "Above All," was written by Lenny LeBlanc and Paul Baloche and was popularized by Michael W. Smith.

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 Bucu, Dotty Diaz, Dino Galiano, Jinny Van Haelen, Maureen Mazika, Patti Jo Siner, 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 February: (11) Dcn Noel Sanchez, (16) Trudy Mandeville, (25) Nathan Rojas and (26) Kara Marziali

May God bless you now and in the year ahead!



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