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

The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 26th, 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 **7:00 pm**
 Holy Day Mass **7:00 pm** or as announced

Pastoral Staff

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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

Joshua 24:1–2a, 15–17, 18b; Psalm 34; Ephesians 5:21–32; John 6:60–69

• Loyalty and gratitude—these are the two virtues that come to the fore when the faithful Israelites pledge to continue to serve the Lord. When Joshua asks them to commit to the god they well serve, the people immediately respond that they will not forsake the LORD. The Lord had led them out of slavery, performed miracles, and protected them on their journey to the Promised Land. They are grateful for all the Lord has done for them and they remain loyal to the Lord while living in the land of other gods.

• The second reading can be problematical, but it is important not to miss the analogy that Saint Paul is trying to make. Christ is to the church, he says, as husbands are to their wives. In other words, Christ's love for his people is like the love of a married couple for each other. Both involve sacrifice. A husband is expected to sacrifice for his wife, willing to leave his own parents, for instance. Jesus provided a model of this sacrifice in becoming flesh to be born into this world, and then giving his life for the world.

• All through August we have heard passages from the Gospel of John in which Jesus tells his disciples that he is the Bread of Life. They (and we) have heard him say that "I am the living bread that came down from heaven" and "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life" (John 6:51, 54). Not everyone is on board. "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" many said (John 6:60). "Many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him" (John 6:66). Jesus challenged his disciples and not all of them could accept it. Can we?

Question of the Week

It is time to take a stand. Can I say, like Simon Peter, "I believe"? Can I say, like Joshua, "I will serve the Lord"? How can I show others where I stand?

Next Week's Sunday's Readings

Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–8; Psalm 15; James 1:17–18, 21b–22, 27; Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23

Announced Masses

Sanctuary Light Memorial – In Prayer for Beth Hanson by the Chatelle Family

08/25	5:00	Soul of Peter L. Pond	by Nick Pond
08/26	8:30	Souls of John and Paula Galvin	
	10:30	Soul of Theresa Chamberland	
08/29	7:00	Soul of Fr. Peter Scagnelli	
09/01	5:00	Soul of Michael Neri (1 st Anniv)	by Nancy Santiago – Neri
09/02	8:30	Soul of Clara Frio	
	10:30	Souls of John and Paula Galvin	
09/05	7:00	Soul of Valerie Gambuto Carnevale	

Parish Activities and Announcements

Be what you eat. When I was a kid, the children's cereal Wheaties was very popular (perhaps still is?) mostly because it had then famous athletes pictures on the box. This motivates children to stride to stride to greatness in athletics on a variety of teams and individually. Children tried to imitate the pictured athletic abilities and for many years remained perhaps the most popular cereal especially for athletically inclined children. People who ate this food tried to go beyond themselves and rise to a degree of excellence, some did and others were less successful. How about Christ? We have been invited over and over again these past weeks to eat His Body and Blood and then to have life within you...life from Christ. But to what end? You see, Christ's real presence in us also is meant to motivate us to excellence. To rise from our

present situation in life and to excell for greatness. The question then for each of us is are we what we eat? Are we Christ's presence, his "living" body to others? Does what we eat and drink make any difference at all in our lives? Like St. Paul, do we run the race?

God bless *Fr. Roper*

Service Opportunities...making a difference

There are opportunities to assist at Amos house in Providence on a few Saturday mornings coming up. The service time required is 9am to 1pm.



September 8, 2018 – 3 volunteers needed

September 22, 2018 – 2 volunteers needed

There is a signup sheet in the hall

Bulletin Notice Any additions to the Bulletin must be received in the office by Wednesday, the latest, to be included in the weekly bulletin. Thank you.

Do we have your email? If you do not receive the bulletin weekly from us, it is because we do not have your email....please drop us one to be added to the list. Changed email? Please give us the new one. Thanks!

Choir Volunteers If you enjoy singing, we would love to have you join our wonderful parish choir. Please speak with Justin.

Tools for School August and September are traditionally the time when we begin preparation for school. As a community outreach, we collect school items (back packs, pens, notebooks, etc) for distribution to area children in need, through the Tools for School program. There is a collection bin at the back of church for this purpose....your support is always appreciated.

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

Parish Memorial Garden As our 20th anniversary approaches, Saint Patrick Catholic Church invites you to become a permanent part of our Memorial Garden and Pavilion by purchasing a commemorative tile or granite bench. The commemorative tiles will be installed on the face of raised garden beds and the granite benches will be distributed around the gardens and pavilion. This beautification and memorial project is presently underway!



Special Collection The special collection taken up during the month of August will be used to assist with Parish Utilities, which are quite high. Please be generous.

Parish Pictures If any parishioners has photos for any events or church pictures from the last 19 years, if they could share them with Geri Bergreen by Email or printed copies and forward to Tbgeri@aol.com or my cell is 401-523-6240. The committee for the 20th is looking for photos and or stories of the history of our church. If you have any pictures or even stories of how you come here or events in your life that our church has enriched your life, please share. We would love to include in our 20th Anniversary celebration.

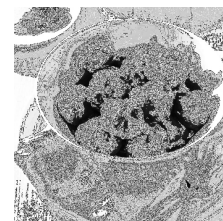
✠ *In your charity please remember our deceased parishioner* ✠
Rita Rose (8/24)
Eternal Rest grant unto her, O Lord

Wine Club Our next wine club meeting will be a Winery Tour / Tasting at *Carolyn's Sakonnet Vinyards* in Little Compton on **Sunday, September 16th at 3pm.** If you have interest, please feel free to join us.

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Meatballs Galore Our annual salute to the Italian heritage of Cranston will happen here on **Sunday September 23rd, from 2 – 5 in the afternoon.**

The church provides the basics, salad, pasta, gravy and desert.... You enter your potentially award winning meatballs in competition, with all voting. Join us, it is a lot of fun and filling!



Signup at the church entrance!

Religious Education at St. Patrick's

The Fall is coming quickly and we are using these weeks to prepare for 2018-2019 Religious Education Schedule.

Sacramental Instruction

Instruction is necessary for those receiving either First Holy Communion or Confirmation, usually celebrated in the Second grade or Sophomore year of High School. Instruction is also available for other years enriching the faith life of the student and providing Christian instruction. There is no registration or other fee for religious education.

What we need from you

- That you are willing to commit to a schedule of instruction for your child(ren) and to regular attendance at Mass.
- That you be registered here as a parishioner and maintain an active membership within this parish.

What we need from our parish

- Your prayerful support for the growth and enrichment of our children receiving religious education instruction.
- Active participation by one or two adults to assist Elizabeth Sanchez in instruction of the children.

Registration or Classroom help

Please either contact the office or contact Elizabeth directly at 401-261-2420. Contact info on page 1 of the bulletin

Thank you and we look forward to a wonderful year!

Anointing of the Sick / Holy Hour of Adoration

September 8th following the 10:30 Mass

Anointing is available at any other time by request

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 Srinier, 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 August: (2) Kathy Cooney (3) Marc Hannan, (7) Nancy Santiago, (18) Russ Landy, (19) Alexis Impagliazzo, (25) Felicia Petrone, (28) Elizabeth Sanchez and (30) Dot Collins

May God bless you now and in the year ahead!



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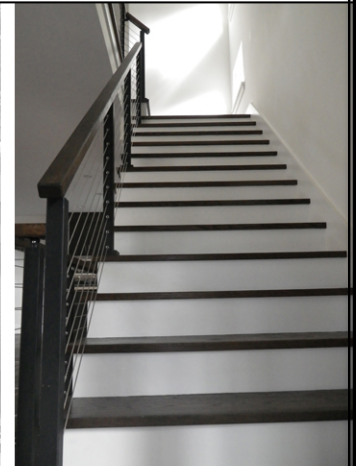
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