



**Saint Patrick Catholic Church
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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 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 17, 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

Sirach 27:30—28:7; Psalm 103; Romans 14:7–9; Matthew 18:21–35

Forgiveness can be an uncomfortable challenge. Sirach bids us renounce vengeance and “set enmity aside” (28:6). Of the unforgiving servant’s punishment Jesus declares, “So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart” (Matthew 18:35). However, both scripture and Catholic social teaching distinguish between revenge and justice. Forgiving others means neither denying their wrongdoing nor absolving them of responsibility. Rather, this Sunday’s challenge to forgiveness complements last Sunday’s call to reconciliation. Reconciliation, like the tango, takes two and may even require the community’s intervention. Forgiveness, on the other hand, takes only one: me.

In the case Peter presents to Jesus, the object of his forgiveness is not global but personal: “If my brother sins against me” (Matthew 18:21). Thus Sirach, in a diabolical reversal of the liturgical kiss of peace, pictures the unforgiving person embracing not a fellow sinner but “wrath and anger”—“hateful things”—and “hug[ging] them tight” (Sirach 27:30). In an equally diabolical short-circuiting of the full and unconditional mercy he himself had just received from his master, the Gospel’s unforgiving servant metes out not patient mercy but swift justice to his fellow servant, whose debt paled in comparison to his own. Rather than expanding the ripple of forgiveness that had cleansed his sin, the unforgiving servant triggers a tsunami of merciless cruelty whose first victim after his fellow servant is, ironically, himself, “handed . . . over to the torturers” (Matthew 18:34).

Jesus tells this story after Peter proposes as an extravagant limit of forgiveness, the biblical number of perfection, “seven times.” But Jesus recalculates, changing seven to seventy-seven (in older translations, seventy times seven), indicating infinity and challenging us to surpass even “perfection” with a forgiveness as wildly boundless as God’s forgiveness toward us. As Peter would learn later in tears after his own denial, we can only dare to cease forgiving others when we no longer need forgiveness ourselves.

Question of the Week

Who needs my forgiveness? How might I start a “ripple of forgiveness” that could expand to a global tidal wave of unending forgiveness?

Next Sunday’s Readings

Isaiah 55:6–9; Psalm 145; Philippians 1:20c–24, 27a; Matthew 20:1–16a

Announced Masses

Sanctuary Light Memorial – In Prayer for the members of our parish who are ill

09/16	5:00	Good Health of Elizabeth Reis	By Jeanne and Fran Chatelle
09/17	8:30	Soul of Carol Petrone	By Marilyn Graf
	10:30	Soul of Alex Mazika	By the Labonte Family
09/20	6:45	Soul of Fr. Thomas Keenan	
09/23	5:00	Soul of Helen Petrone (Month’s Mind)	By Felicia Petrone
09/24	8:30	Souls of Rita Rose	By Jeanne and Fran Chatelle
	10:30	Soul of Theresa Chamberland	By Jeanne and Fran Chatelle
09/27	6:45	Healing / Good Health Jeanne Chatelle	

Parish Activities and Announcements

Reconciliation II. This week, we continue to look at the whole foundation of the group Christ leaves behind him when he returned to the Father. It is fairly clear that Christ founded his church on the ideal of a community of reconciliation, but as we see this weekend, big ideals begin locally and squarely rest upon the forgiveness we show to each other. In this, I am not speaking of institutional general forgiveness, but hands on, looking them in the eyes, and either giving or seeking forgiveness. There is a huge difference between

From the Pastor’s Desk

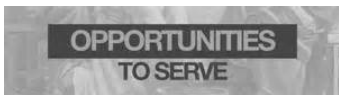
the two, and as is usual, given a choice, Christ calls us to the more challenging option. So what about it, is there anyone you need seek forgiveness from? Need to forgive...personally...right now? Challenge yourself to take this seriously and accomplish being “the Church.” God bless you all *Fr. Ryan*

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.***

Ministry Opportunities We could use assistance with

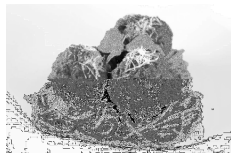


both readers for Mass and with Acolytes. Could you possibly help

us? Speak with Fr. Roger/Deacon Noel. This week, we welcome Barbara Landy as a new lector.

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!



Wine Club Your Social Committee is seeking interest in forming a monthly "Wine Club." There will be an organizational meeting if there is interest. The purpose of the club would be to explore different wines, learn varieties and share each other's company. There is a sign up at the stairs.



Cans and bottle Reminder We are always in need of cans and bottle marked for redemption. We package these and return them for credit. Each year, we try to raise at least \$1,000 doing this. We need your help. Please just drop them off when visiting for Mass. Thank you!

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 Site of the Week

Divineoffice.org

If you desire to enter into a deeper prayer life, please consider joining people around the world at prayer. You may enter this site using saintpatrickri@aol.com as your user name and your password is *Patrick*. You may both see and hear the prayers and therefore "join" with others

Special Collection During September, our special collection benefits parish utilities. Thank you for your support, big or small, it does make a difference.

Welcome We welcome *Katherine Wright* into membership and thank her for electing to walk with us in the Light of Christ. Thank you!

Baptism We welcome Killian Rivera into Membership at the 10:30 Mass through the Sacrament of Baptism. Congratulations Ashley and Jose Maguire.

Wednesday Evenings at Saint Patrick's Religious Education at 6pm

Mass at 6:45pm

Bible Study begins 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

Deb Bucu, Dotty Diaz, 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

**Anointing of the Sick / Holy Hour of Adoration
October 8th following the 10:30 Mass
Join us for Healing and for Prayer**

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!

Parish Activity this week

Parish Council....today at 9:20

Communications Committee...Monday 7:00

Meetings occur as scheduled at the church office

All are invited to attend and to participate

Take possession! It's your parish

All Saints Party >Save the Date< Saturday, November 4, 2017 at the Rosario Society Hall in Silverlake. Join us for an evening of fun, light buffet and music, 6:30 til 11. Tickets now available. 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.



my church

For many, our parish is the ideal fit