



**Saint Patrick Catholic Church
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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 of Easter – April 15, 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

Rev. 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

Acts 3:13–15, 17–19; Psalm 4; 1 John 2:1–5a; Luke 24:35–48

Even though we do not hear any readings from the Old Testament during Easter, in a way we do hear what is written there. Both the first reading and the Gospel proclaim that God has brought the words of the prophets to fulfillment in the person of Jesus. Peter explained that the Messiah suffered just as the prophets had said he would. Jesus tells his disciples that everything written about him had to be fulfilled, including his suffering, death, and resurrection.

Another commonality between Peter's and Jesus' speeches is that they called their audiences "witnesses." Obviously, they were, as these people had seen Jesus before his passion, had seen him crucified, and at least some had seen him firsthand after he had risen. But how can we be witnesses? How can we "who have not seen and have believed," as we heard last week, witness to what the early church had seen? It may be helpful to note that the early Christians had never met Abraham or Moses or Isaiah, yet they knew them intimately through scripture and preaching. So too do we learn about Jesus. But more than that, we know that Jesus is with us always, so we can always witness to him.

A final constant of today's readings is repentance. Why is repentance emphasized so strongly today, when the penitential season of Lent has ended? Perhaps because sin has not. As sinners, we are always called to repentance. Fortunately, as John says in his letter, Jesus is expiation for our sins and the sins of the whole world. Repent, and our sins may be wiped away.

Question of the Week

How can I be a witness? How do I explain what the presence of Jesus in my life means?

Next Week's Readings

Acts 4:8–12; Psalm 118; 1 John 3:1–2; John 10:11–18

Announced Masses

Sanctuary Light Memorial – In Prayer for the Good Health of Anne Hayes by the Chatelle Family

04/14	5:00	Soul of Peter L. Pond	by Nick Pond
04/15	8:30	Soul of John and Paula Galvin	
	10:30	Soul of Theresa Chamberland	by the Chatelle Family
04/21	5:00	Soul of Peter Pond	by Nick Pond
04/22	8:30	Souls of John and Paula Galvin	
	10:30	Soul of Madeleine Doyle	

Parish Activities and Announcements

Reconciliation: the key. During this post resurrection period, Jesus is busy doing two things: having the disciples recall what he told them while still with them before his death during his active ministry; recalling that he was to fulfill the Old Testament and not replace it and also emphasizing the need for reconciliation as the key to this early body of disciples, not yet a "church" proper. Reconciliation: we with God and we with one another. On so many levels, this desire of Christ's has not changed over these thousands of years....the need for humbly acknowledging fault and approaching for reconciliation with God and with each other is the key to our faith and our growth as disciples. For whenever we open ourselves to forgiveness and empty ourselves before God, we are then filled with God's overwhelming love and support.

From the Pastor's Desk

God bless *F. Roper*

May Breakfast We are planning a celebration of the Spring for May 6th as a "May Breakfast." On that Sunday morning, between the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses (allowing some to stay, others to arrive early), we hope to have a variety of breakfast items, and here is where we need your help. There is a sign up on the bulletin board looking for those who could volunteer to bring in a breakfast item or two to share among the people of God. To be sure, the Pastor will cook and Dcn Noel and Elizabeth will help out, but we do need help....can you lend a hand?

Amos House We are collecting toiletries for Amos House Social Services to be distributed to the needy. Items such as soap, toothpaste and related things are all helpful. There are boxes at the rear of the church for these items

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

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.

Special Notice Deacon Noel is on vacation for two weeks. He will not be available during that time.

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.

Outreach Opportunity On Saturday, June 16th, we will be volunteering to assist in the preparation/serving of breakfast and lunch at Amos House on Friendship Street in Providence. Separate volunteers are needed for each shift. Details and sign up available on the bulletin board....make a difference, and assist those in need.

Social Media We are seeking assistance managing our 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 April will be used to assist the parish in our utility expenses. Please be generous.

Anointing of the Sick / Holy Hour of Adoration
Sunday, May 6th following the 10:30 Mass
Anointing is available at any time by request



Musical "Notes" from Justin The communion hymn, "Daylight Fades" has lyrics by Peter Scagnelli (1949-2017), friend of Fr. Roger and of our parish. The lyrics are based on Luke 24:28-35 (two disciples meet the risen Christ on the road to Emmaus). The music is a Gaelic melody.

Church History The history of Christianity began following the resurrection and ascension of Christ and is traced throughout the chapters of the Acts of the Apostles. Each week, sections will be read as the first reading for Mass (as opposed to an Old Testament reading). A reminder that Wednesday evening bible study will be examining the Acts of the Apostles throughout the Easter Season. If you desire a good examination of history of Christianity, I recommend the

following: Christianity: The First Thousand years (<https://youtu.be/GV20nBgPkDc>). As a follow up, Christianity: The Second Thousand years (<https://youtu.be/zxEeBYWkLOg>) presents an excellent examination up to the year 2,000.

Wine Club Our next wine club meeting will be on **Friday, May 11th**. The next meeting will be hosted by Fr. Roger and will feature Chardonnay wine. Regular members are invited to assist with some food stuffs. Wine is provided by the host. A great opportunity to learn a bit and enjoy each other's company. New members are always invited as this is an open club.



Wednesday Evenings at Saint Patrick's
Religious Education at 6:00 & Mass at 6:45

Dean Noel's class is cancelled on
April 4th and 11th while he is away

Bible Study at 7:15

Please read Acts Chapters 1 - 6

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 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 April: (7) Natalino Mizzone, (11) Catherine Mizzone, (16) Marilyn Graf and Melissa Whalen, (18) Deb Couture, (24) Katherine McDonnell and (28) Missy Cupp

May God bless you now and in the year ahead!

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. If you love this parish, tell your friends and neighbors and if not, please tell the pastor or deacon so that we can work on improving your experience here.

Evangelization is everyone's business and as soon as people find this parish, they often visit and are usually pleased with what they discover:

Please spread the word!

This Week at St. Patrick's
Parish Council at 9:20 today

Communications Committee – Monday at 7pm

Meetings occur as scheduled in the church office

All are invited to attend and to participate

Take possession: It's your parish