

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 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – December 31, 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

Genesis 15:1–6; Psalm 105; Hebrews 11:8, 11–12, 17–19; 2:22–40

The differing treatment of men and women in scriptural passages often presents difficulties today. It helps to consider that society was quite different two thousand years ago.

The readings from Genesis today emphasize the patience and obedience of Abraham and Sarah and God's faithfulness in fulfilling the promise made to Abraham. Sarah and Abraham continued to believe that they would have countless descendants, despite all evidence to the contrary. Moreover, after Sarah bore a child in her old age, Abraham was willing to sacrifice him in obedience to God, so strong was his faith that God would keep this promise. Abraham "reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead" (Hebrews 11:19). To Abraham the idea that Isaac would somehow be restored to life was more believable than that God would break a promise.

Patience and faithfulness also characterize the two elderly Jewish people we meet in the Gospel. Simeon and Anna are each portrayed as extremely devout, virtually living in God's house. For years they patiently prayed in the temple in Jerusalem every day. When encountering the boy Jesus, they each immediately recognize the Savior of the world. Simeon, believing that he would not die until he had seen the Christ, prays to God, "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace" (Luke 2:29). Their patience and faithfulness have been rewarded. Just seeing Jesus was enough.

Question of the Week

Do I display the attributes described in today's readings when relating to my own family? As we are all brothers and sisters in Christ, do I show these qualities in my relations with friends, coworkers, strangers?

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 60:1–6; Psalm 72; Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6; Matthew 2:1–12

Announced Masses

Sanctuary Light Memorial – In Prayer for the Soul of Theresa Chamberland by the Chatelle Family

12/30	5:00	Soul of Peter L. Pond	By Nick Pond
12/31	8:30	Souls of Chris Grady and Dominic Martin	
	10:30	Soul of Theresa Chamberland	By The Chatelle Family
01/03	6:45	Soul of Fr. Peter Scagnelli	
01/06	5:00	Good Health/Healing Beth Hayes	By The Chatelle Family
01/07	8:30	Good Health/Healing of Anne Hayes	By The Chatelle Family
	10:30	Soul of Erza Saccoccio	By Elizabeth Reis
01/10	6:45	Souls Chris Grady and Dominic Martin	

Parish Activities and Announcements

A Holy Family. One of the great challenges of this feast, now with the church for nearly 100 years, is its practical relevance to our lives.

From the Pastor's Desk

You see when you enter our sanctuary a beautiful carving of the serene holy family and in scripture they are presented as almost "perfect." Yet, growing up, I never saw my family as perfect, but a family full of problems and day to day challenges, which continue to play themselves out now into old age. I am quite sure that you share my sentiment. So, if our families are not perfect and I am sure that few are, then the challenge is to see how we all fit into this feast of the church which portrays an ideal difficult to reach. Perhaps we could look at this feast as a challenge to work together for a common goal of happiness and respect one for another and by extension,

also, into older age, develop deeper senses of care and concern for the elderly (another theme in the readings). We live in a fast paced world and it seems have difficulty allowing for those who have slowed down and need extra help. As we enter the New Year, how about a resolution to have more patience within families and respect each other better.

God bless you all and happy New Year. *Fr. Ryan*

Stewardship Appeal 2018 Follow up letters were sent out to the many we have not heard back from. Please reply quickly as the parish prepares for 2018. Please keep in mind **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. We need hear back from everyone.

Thank you St. Patrick's is a community of kindness and remembrance. On behalf of Deacon Noel and myself, I thank all who remembered us with greeting cards and other gifts at Christmas. Our work here is year round and we enjoy it, but thank you for remembering us at Christmas. God bless you all into the New Year.

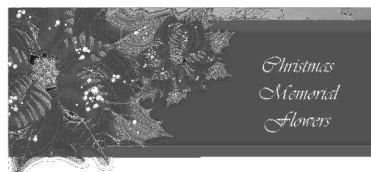


Parish Council Our Annual Meeting is in January and your parish council is seeking interest from among the members. There are three openings. If you would like to join our active team, please drop a note to our president at adrien.mercure@gmail.com. Thank you.

2018 Calendars They are available at the door and we offer them to you with our compliments.

Living Lent Retreat We will be sponsoring a 1 day retreat in preparation for Lent on Saturday, February 3rd here at church. Kara Marziali will be leading the retreat and Fr. Roger will participate. There is a flyer in the bulletin for this event and we hope that many will join us.

Christmas Flowers Our church always looks beautiful at Christmas. So many thanks for all of the Christmas Flower Memorials received this year. They are noted as an insert in the bulletin



this week. Many gifts were also received without memorial.

Church decorating Many thanks to all those who helped out decorating the church for Christmas. Many people make the job easier and quicker in a year where Christmas Eve was Sunday afternoon. Thank you for taking the time to help out.

2018 Expanded Notification New in 2018, reminders and timely messages will also be issued by TXT from the office cell# (401) 345 9934. Better communications!

Parish Appreciation Party You give so much to the parish every week, join us on Friday January 26th at the Rosario Club *for an appreciation party* from 6 to 8. This is an open invitation. Please let the office know name and number attending. Information on the Bulletin Board



If by txt only to this number: (401) 345 9934

>> Sign up available at the Bulletin Board <<

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.

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

Anointing of the Sick / Holy Hour of Adoration
January 14th following the 10:30 Mass
Join us for Healing and for Prayer

Musical "Notes" from Justin The Offertory this week is "Silently We Watch as Our God Steps Down." It was written by Linda Mawson in 1999.

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, 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 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!

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

Valerie Gambuto – Carnevale (12/16)

Marie Custer (12/23)

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord

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.

Recommended Inspirational Video of the Week

<https://youtu.be/1IHkdndIEKw>

This video is presented to aid in your spiritual life
I hope that you find it helpful.

Our parish is always in need of both Mass intentions and Memorials for the Sanctuary Light. Please speak with Fr. Roger to request either.



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