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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 Third Sunday of Ordinary Time – January 22, 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, please feel free to take the child to the baptistery area

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

Isaiah 8:23—9:3; Psalm 27; 1 Corinthians: 1:10–13, 17; Matthew: 4:12–23

Each Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Old Testament sheds light on the Gospel. For Matthew, today's beginning of Jesus' ministry begins the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy of worldwide enlightenment and universal deliverance. Capernaum is "beyond the Jordan" (Matthew 4:15), that is, on Israel's edge, in more ways than one. At the crossroads of Jewish and Gentile society, Capernaum is populated by people "on the edge" of or even outside the law; thus, Capernaum mirrors Matthew's (our) own "mixed" community.

Could Jesus be any clearer about where he wants his church to be? In the world, though not of it—think of a call for the Church to "step outside itself," bringing Christ to society's "peripheries." But as Paul reminds the Corinthians, none of us, individuals or splinter groups, has it all together. Together, however, we have it all: Christ's own life to share, Christ's gospel to proclaim.

Note too that Matthew portrays Jesus both withdrawing and preaching, suggesting that both movements be imitated by Jesus' disciples. Matthew uses "withdraw" at least ten times to describe Jesus' response to both threats and accolades. Though making Isaiah's program his own, smashing "the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster" (Isaiah 9:3), Jesus will accomplish this peaceably, by liberating word and life-restoring deed. This Messiah's way, Jesus' kind of kingship (and therefore Jesus' church's way of acting and the nature of its ministry) must differ radically from the world's exercise of authority and achievement of goals. Radical challenge, never violent confrontation. Reconciliation, never retaliation.

Question of the Week

How do I need to "step outside" myself to fulfill my baptismal mission? To what "periphery" in my world do I need to bring Christ's peaceable, liberating love?

Next Sunday's Readings

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12–13; Psalm 146; 1 Corinthians 1:26–31; Matthew 5:1–12a

Announced Masses

Sanctuary Light Memorial – In Memory of Theresa Chamberland by the Chatelle Family

01/21	5:00	Soul of Thomas Moon (5 th Anniv)	By Dorothy Diaz
01/22	8:30	Soul of Richard Costa	By Parisi Family
01/22	10:30	Soul of Theresa Chamberland	By The Chatelle Family
01/25	6:45	Soul of Aldora Durand	
01/28	5:00	Soul of Edmund Zabinski	By Elizabeth Reis
01/29	8:30	Soul of Paul Matarazzo	By Parisi Family
01/29	10:30	Soul of Theresa Chamberland	By Chatelle Family
02/01	6:45	For the Growth of Our Parish	

Parish Activities and Announcements

The call to follow Jesus! This year, the post Christmas Ordinary Time is about as long as it can get, 8 weeks,

From the Pastor's Desk

and then we start the Season of Lent. The major theme of Matthew's Gospel, the "universal" call to follow Jesus will begin right away and be a constant to the Evangelist's Jewish and non-Jewish community. Jesus calls everyone willing to hear, everyone willing to be open to beginning a new life of commitment and service. The only thing Christ asks is that you seek him out. In a similar way, this parish invites all to follow Christ, regardless of your past. We welcome the disenfranchised among us, the lost and those who seek to follow Christ. As Jesus begins his public ministry, may

we all learn from him anew what service is all about and dedicate ourselves once again to the great commission to make him known to the ends of the earth.

God bless you all. *Fr. Roper*

Annual Meeting The Annual Meeting of the parish will occur on Sunday, January 29th following the 10:30 Mass. On this date, we will elect a new parish council for a two year term, review financial information and have opportunity to be heard on any topic you may wish to bring up. Please make an effort to attend. Thank you.

Parish Council Our parish council regularly is between 6 and 8 active parish members who wish to exercise a



degree of leadership assisting the pastor in the management of the parish. We are in need of members desiring to serve on this council. If this interests you, please speak with the pastor or deacon Noel and we will add you to the ballot.

Mass Ministries If you have a desire to donate of your time, perhaps assisting at Mass might be a wonderful way of doing this. We need assistance of Lectors, Servers and Eucharistic "Cup bearers." Please speak with the Pastor or deacon Noel.

Weekly Religious Education – Schedule at this link:

<http://freepdfhosting.com/092f2d911f.pdf>

Classes Resume – Wednesday Evening meetings at 6:00

Bible study with Deacon Noel

Weekly Bible passages for preparation
for the Spring Classes:

January 25th First Timothy, Chapter 3

February 1st First Timothy, Chapter 4

Valentine's Day Appetizers and Desserts The return of this competition for best appetizer and dessert will take place on Sunday afternoon, February 12, 2-4. All are invited to enter and prizes will be offered in each category. Join us for a fun filled event and there is no charge. Sign up available and we look forward to an afternoon worthy of St. Valentine himself.

Help with Church Sanctuary project We have a project we are beginning this week and could use some assistance. Our chairs and the floor of the church are showing some wear and we thought to give them a small "facelift." Each week, Nick Pond will be working on this project on Tuesdays and it involves three elements: spot refinishing the bottom legs of the chairs, spot refinishing the floor where it needs it and lastly, replacing stick on felt pads, as needed, to prevent damage to the floor caused by the chairs. If you can help, I know that Nick would appreciate the assistance on Tuesdays.

Update: Nick and the Pastor completed ¼ of the work and in the weeks ahead expect to finish it.

"Pot-O-Gold" Raffle In conjunction with approaching St. Patrick's Day, we are introducing this raffle. It is a split the pot raffle with second and third place prizes and the drawing will take place at the St. Patrick's Day dinner. We hope to make this an annual event and, of course, tickets remain an excellent value at \$1.00 each. Tickets will be available shortly. Thank you for your support.

Gift Cards for Business If you are involved in a business which makes use of gift cards, please consider purchasing these cards through the parish and the small commission received does help us financially and assist the parish in paying it's obligations.

Special Collection During January, our special collection benefits the Pro-Life Apostolate of the ICCEC. Please help us by being generous! Thank you.

Do you shop at these merchants?

Panera Bread \$10/\$25

Shell Station (Gas / Repairs) \$50 / \$100

CVS (Supplies / Drugs / Prescriptions) \$25 / \$100

Legal Seafood \$25 - Stop and Shop \$50 / \$100

Your support in purchasing these cards

is greatly appreciated and benefits the parish. Thank you!


Healing Service / Adoration Join us as we celebrate God's healing love through the conferral of Anointing of the Sick. The next celebration is February 12th, following the 10:30 Mass. Holy Hour devotion will follow as well.

Parish News of Interest to all

Please keep this partial list in your prayers

Dorothy Diaz, Jinny Van Haelen, Maureen Mazika, Mary Laplante, Clara Frio, Patti Jo Srinier, Mary Steinkamp, Geri Bergreen, Dan Barchie, John McGarrahan, Gina Mazika, Fr. Peter Scagnelli, Rose Pagano, Alaina Dieffenbach, Clara Frio, Christopher Reynolds, Marilyn, Jake Williams, Helen Petrone, Lou Pagano, 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

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



Birthdays during January: (15) Raheem Onibudo; (16) Frank Rainone and (17) Dotty Diaz.

May God bless you now and in the year ahead!

Lead by example and not just by word!

Remembering Saint Patrick One lasting way to make a difference in the life of this community is to remember us in your will...please consider this during your family planning and name us a beneficiary. Your gift will live on and make a difference. Thank you!

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Remember

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!

Invite a friend to Mass with you!

Why St. Patrick's Church? When people are considering making a faith community their "spiritual home," they often ask themselves why this particular community rather than another...or no community at all! When this happens, a kind word of support for Saint Patrick's can make a wonderful difference.