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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 Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time – February 26, 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 49:14–15; Psalm 62; 1 Corinthians 4:1–5; Matthew 6:24–34*

“Don’t worry about . . . what you will eat or drink . . . what you will wear . . . Do not worry about tomorrow” (Matthew 6:25, 34). With budgets to balance and bills to pay, we might reply, “Somebody has to!” But to clarify our perspective on life’s worries, Jesus points to the birds. For them God provides, though not endowing them with human intelligence. As for the wild flowers, God arrays them in beauty, though not with our destiny—eternal life. Forsaken? Forgotten? Unthinkable, replies God, who cherishes us, says Isaiah, with a mother’s tenderness for the child of her womb.

“Amen!” we acclaim to seal our every prayer. *Mammon* derives from that same root, which means “that in which I place my trust.” But *mammon* signifies material possessions, “tangible assets.” Jesus bids us decide where we will place our trust: in God, unfailing rock and tender parent; or *mammon*, which unless harnessed to service and sharing will eventually enslave us to greed and consume us with worry.

In such service lies Jesus’ solution to our achieving the balance between trustful confidence in God and practical provision for human needs. Eat, drink, wear: heard now, just before Lent, those needs will echo again in the Last Judgment Gospel that ends the liturgical year: “I was hungry, thirsty, naked. What you did, or failed to do, for the least, you did, or failed to do, for me” (cf. Matthew 25:35, 36, 40, 45). We are “servants and stewards,” Paul reminds us. Let us then provide whatever neighbor or stranger needs, and so alleviate the worry of others, even as we serve the Lord whose image they bear.

### Question of the Week

What practical commitment—to which charity or person—can I make before Lent begins this Wednesday so that my prayer, fasting, and almsgiving will reflect Jesus’ radical call to trust?

### Next Sunday’s Readings

*Genesis 2:7–9; 3:1–7; Psalm 51; Romans 5:12–19; Matthew 4:1–11*

## Announced Masses

### Sanctuary Light Memorial – In Prayer for the courage to live a good Lenten Season

02/25	5:00	Souls of Paula and John Galvin	
02/26	8:30	A Special Intention	
02/26	10:30	Soul of Theresa Chamberland	By the Chatelle Family
03/01	7:00	For the gift of a good Lenten Journey	
03/04	5:00	Soul of Michael Ferguson	
03/05	8:30	Souls of Paula and John Galvin	
03/05	10:30	Soul of Valerie Gambuto-Carnevale	By the Chatelle Family

## Parish Activities and Announcements

**Trusting in God!** The scriptures this weekend, as if by cue, as we await the beginning of Lent, are all about

### From the Pastor’s Desk

Trusting in God. The topic is treated in differing ways, from nature’s “natural” trust to an outright declaration that we cannot trust in God and ourselves at the same time. In the past, as an illustration, I have mention a small part of an Indiana Jones movie where he is moved to make a leap of faith (if you would like to see it, here it is: <https://youtu.be/GwMdb9YZkcw> ). Faith and trust are linked and form the basis of our relationship with God. As we prepare for Lent and begin our journey of Trust together, let us be reminded of the important of the *three legged stool of Lent*, of Prayer, Fasting and of Almsgiving and in being reminded, once again dedicate ourselves to prayerful observance of these three, together,



and in so doing, bring about the transformation of our lives to the point where we can walk in faith fully trusting that God can be found in each step, around each corner and finally at

the end of our earthly journey waiting for us.

God bless you all. *Fr. Roper*

**Ash Wednesday** Mass and imposition of Ashes will be this coming Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm. Please join us as we begin the Season of Lent together.

**School Vacation** Religious Education is canceled this week due to Ash Wednesday Mass at 7pm.



**+ In Memoriam** In your charity, please remember Deb Couture Maguire who lost her father Joseph Montecalvo, and also Renee Livesey's Aunt Anna.

**St. Patrick's Day Dinner** Our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner approaches on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 2 til 5 at Tomaselli's at the Rosario Club in Silver Lake. This year, in remembrance of St. Joseph's Day, we also have added Italian dishes to our dinner. The cost of the dinner is \$19.00/ \$13.00 children and tickets are now available. Join us as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day, our annual parish celebration.

**Parish Council Meeting** There will be a meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:20. All are invited.

### Wednesday Evenings at Saint Patrick's

Weekly Religious Education – Schedule at this link:

<http://freepdfhosting.com/12b6c91d92.pdf>

Religious Education meets at 6:00

**Reminder....no class 3/1....Ash Wednesday**

**Bible study with Deacon Noel**

**Class cancelled on 3/1 due to Ash Wednesday**

**Alms Giving for Lent** The basis for our inner spiritual change during Lent come from external changes in habits. Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving remain the foundation for this change, as they have always been. This year, our parish has adopted a project for the almsgiving (financial offering) part of our renewal.

During Lent, we ask that you please consider making a sacrifice of some sort during the week (dining out as an example) which would produce additional personal funds and then offering these funds to be



used by Christians in Pakistan struggling to survive in a hostile environment. These funds may be given as an offering with notation for the intended use or placed in the offering basket available Friday evenings at Stations of the Cross. All funds received will be forwarded to Bishop Prakash Yuhanna at Easter for use among the people in Pakistan. Please, be generous.

**Help with Church Sanctuary project** We have a project which is ongoing....can you help us? . Our chairs and the floor of the church are showing some wear and we thought to give them a small "facelift." Each Tuesday, Nick Pond will be working on this project on 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 1/2 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 on March 19<sup>th</sup>. We hope to make this an annual event and, of course, tickets remain an excellent value at \$1.00 each. Tickets are available. Thank you for your support.

**Special Collection** During February, our special collection benefits the parish and assists with it's utilities which cost us all about \$8,500 per year Thank you for your support, big or small, it does make a big difference.

### 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 19<sup>th</sup>, (moved due to conflict) 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**

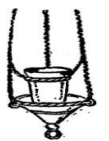
Dorothy Diaz, Jinny Van Haelen, Maureen Mazika, Mary Laplante, Clara Frio, Patti Jo Srinier, Mary Steinkamp, Geri Bergreen, Dan Barchie, John McGarrahan, Gina Mazika, Fr. Peter Scagnelli, Rose Pagano, Alaina Dieffenbach, Christopher Reynolds, Marilyn, Jake Williams, Helen Petrone, Lou Pagano, Raheem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

**Our parish is always in need of both Mass intentions and Memorials for the Sanctuary Light. Please**

Mass Intentions

**Speak with Fr. Roger to request either.**



**Birthdays during February: (11) Deacon Noel Sanchez; (16) Trudy Mandeville, (19) Rachel Lawrence; (25) Nathan Rojas and (26) Kara Marziali.**

**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!