

**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 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 23, 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

Wisdom 12:13, 16–19; Psalm 86; Romans 8:26–27; Matthew 13:24–43

• Of all God's attributes, Wisdom praises God's "lenience," though "power, whenever you will, attends you" (12:18). Regarding God's expectations, Wisdom considers one indispensable: "Those who are just must be kind" (12:19). But doesn't God sometimes seem too lenient, content to ignore the weeds, when a glance at the world or even the Church suggests a little gardening is long overdue? Well, God is in luck. We, God's willing servants, can see the weeds so clearly. We'd be delighted to clean things up thoroughly and quickly.

• Don't our private reflections sometimes sound like that? Paul acknowledges, "We do not know how to pray as we ought" (Romans 8:26). Rather than praying that we become more like God, we demand that God become more like us, thorough and quick. But God, shrewd householder indeed, knows our zeal but wisely distrusts our discernment. We're zealous, yes, but judgmental too. What looks like weeds to us may be wheat in God's eyes. Thus God patiently defers judgment, postpones punishment.

• Moreover, aren't we missing one of the parable's important points by casting ourselves solely as willing harvesters? Aren't we still growing ourselves? Which are we then? Wheat, weeds, or both at different times? Would we want anyone as zealous and judgmental as we are deciding definitively whether we're wheat or weeds before we've had time to grow to full maturity? Rather than bemoan a world or even a church with weeds growing among the wheat, let us praise God's gracious patience toward that slowly maturing, mixed-bag field that, after all, includes us.

Question of the Week

This week, what can I do to be a mustard seed or a bit of yeast, doing a little good in a hidden way, making a little difference?

Next Sunday's Readings

1 Kings 3:5, 7–12; Psalm 119; Romans 8:28–30; Matthew 13:44–52

Announced Masses

Sanctuary Light Memorial – In Prayer for the Soul of Theresa Chamberland by Jeanne D. Chatelle

07/22	5:00	Soul of Valerie Gambuto-Carnevale	By the Horbert Family
07/23	8:30	Soul of Valerie Gambuto-Carnevale	By the Chatelle Family
	10:30	Soul of Deanne Homer	By the Family
07/26	7:00	Soul of Frs. Vern Decoteau & Peter Scagnelli	
07/29	5:00	Soul of Theresa Chamberland	By Jeanne D. Chatelle
07/30	8:30	Soul of Fr. Peter Scagnelli	
	10:30	Soul of Theresa Chamberland (Bd Rem)	By Jeanne D. Chatelle

Parish Activities and Announcements

Our call to holiness. Aside from being written for a Jewish readership, Matthew's Gospel definitely is the "Gospel of the last chance." Our parable this weekend bring our discussion to just that...the last chance. Jesus certainly know the audience he spoke to and realized that being successful, that is, moving people to become disciples, would be a situation of quality vs quantity. This theme develops as well in the good vs sinful, elect vs condemned. The truly beautiful part of the writing is that it is never too late to opt for Jesus and convert to a different way of life...never. The parable today speaks to just that. The crop grows and is not harvested until the very end, where there is a separation as it were with the elect being harvested. So remember that it is never to late to convert from a life of self to a

From the Pastor's Desk

life for others and in so doing "the wheat" of our good works will assure us the reward I hope we so very sincerely deserve.

God bless you all *Fr. Roger*

Ministry Opportunities We could use assistance with both readers for Mass and with Acolytes. Could you possible help us? Speak with Fr. Roger/Deacon Noel.

Lead by example and not just by word!

Summer Picnic Our annual picnic will take place at Geri Bergreen's home on Sunday, August 20th from 2pm. There is a signup so we get an idea as to numbers attending annual...always a pleasant afternoon and good food, relaxation and conversation.



Project Progresses Your parish council has decided to advance plans to finish the property behind the church for a memorial garden and reception area. It will be a great use of the property and add to the beauty of the church. Does anyone has experience or know someone who could assist/advise the Operations /Maintenance Committee in this matter. If so, they can contact Russ Landy by phone (401) 615-9089 or by email barbaralandy36@yahoo.com.

Parish Activity this week

There are no meeting this week!

Meetings occur as scheduled at the church office

All are invited to attend and to participate

Take possession! It's your parish

In Memoriam I heard from many of you this week and thank you for your kind words. Fr. Peter was laid to rest on Wednesday in Framingham at a beautiful funeral Mass and the gift of his written words lives on into the future.

Mission Trip Snacks Both Deacon Noel and Elizabeth will be participating in the upcoming Mission trip to Sanford, Maine. There will be a lot of teen aged kids looking for snacks. Can you help? The food collection bin will be utilized to receive small snacks, chips, cookies, brownies, etc. Anything will help the effort and be assured of our gratitude.

Design Help We are composing a mailing piece for distribution. Does anyone have experience with work such as this? Please speak with the pastor.

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 Video of the Week

<https://youtu.be/zTwrXpoPX1o>

A thought provoking video to aid in our prayer life
A new video will be recommended each week.

Bulletin Advertiser The annual subscription for Bulletin Advertising is only \$75.00 for the WHOLE YEAR and is pro-rated. This presents a great value and opportunity to attract new customers. Advertise with us this year....support the parish, build your business

There is one space left....is it for you?

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

Mission Project Our diocese is sponsoring a short Mission project to aid Prince of Peace parish in Sanford, Maine. It will occur between August 5th – 12th. We need volunteers (High School / Adults) to assist in a variety of construction projects. There is a cost of \$600 for students/ \$400 for adults for cost incurred. Materials supplied. Sign up at <https://christtheking.aware3.net/form/dT3zGcz>

Wednesday Evenings at Saint Patrick's
Mass continues at 7pm
We are on summer break for Religious Education and Bible Study until September

Parish Prayer and Birthday List
Please keep this partial list in your prayers

Deb Buco, Dotty Diaz, Jinny Van Haelen, Chris Grady, Maureen Mazika, Patti Jo Sruiner, Mary Steinkamp, Geri Bergreen, Dan Barchie, John McGarrahan, Gina Mazika, 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

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

Margaret Pitts (7/7)

Eternal Rest grant unto her, O Lord

Birthdays during July: (3) Margaret Cooney and Tomma Botelho, (8) Lauren Callahan, (11) Greg Richards, (16) Arlene McGarrahan, (18) Abigail Bruni, (21) Pat Crowshaw and Jonathan Rojas, (24) Mary Bruni, (27) Ean Rojas.

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.

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.

For many, our parish is the ideal fit

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!

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.



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!