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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 Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time – February 19, 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

Leviticus 19:1–2, 17–18; Psalm 103; 1 Corinthians 3:16–23; Matthew 5:38–48

“Offer no resistance to one who is evil” (Matthew 5:39). Far from counseling surrender to injustice, Jesus offers strategies that are “revolutionary” to break the endless cycle of offense-and-retaliation and invite aggressors to self-examination, even conversion.

(1) In Jesus’ culture, the left hand was reserved for hygiene considered unclean. “Turning the other [left] cheek” thus forced the aggressor to deliver an open-handed slap. Because such violence was permitted only between equals, the victim thereby challenged the aggressor with an assertion of equality, short-circuiting the intended humiliation, inviting reevaluation of the whole concept of “status.” (2) If a creditor won a debtor’s tunic (undergarment), and the debtor handed over his outer cloak too, nudity in the courtroom would ensue, and a dramatic challenge to the “system’s” fundamental injustice, with an opportunity to reshape accepted practice. (3) Though Roman soldiers could force the occupied population to carry their gear, laws restricted the distance to one mile. A civilian volunteering an “extra mile” thus exposed the soldier to potential sanctions and challenged the very legitimacy of such subjugation. Understandably, then, both Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr. saw Jesus’ advice here not as submissive but subversive, compelling the nonviolent transformation of evil.

The love of enemies Jesus commands springs not from “feelings,” over which we have little control, but is an act of the will. We choose to see even the “unlikeable” as created in God’s image, and so pray for their good, here and hereafter, even for one who is our persecutor.

Question of the Week

Is there a person or situation in my life through which God is calling me to embrace Jesus’ revolutionary invitation to transform the world by love?

Next Sunday’s Readings

Isaiah 49:14–15; Psalm 62; 1 Corinthians 4:1–5; Matthew 6:24–34

Announced Masses

Sanctuary Light Memorial – In Prayer for the soul of Valerie Gambuto Carnevale

02/18	5:00	Soul of Aziel Jones	By the Sanchez Family
02/19	8:30	Soul of Fr. Vern DeCroteau	
02/19	10:30	Soul of Valerie Gambuto Carnevale	By Swingers Bowlers League
02/22	7:00	Soul of Peter Pond	By Nick Pond
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

Parish Activities and Announcements

A new way of life! Yes, there is just a short amount of time between now and the traditional beginning of Lent,

From the Pastor’s Desk

Ash Wednesday. With this in mind, the transformations expressed to us by Jesus, both last week take on a transformative meaning and once again begin our turning within to effect changes without. This week’syou have heard it heard, but I say to you....hits us all where we live, for to love your enemy and to offer prayer for those who persecute us is the central core of Jesus teaching, the litmus test as it were, the central core of our life as disciples in Christ. It is precisely in the Season of Lent that we examine our relationship with our brothers and sisters through thematic prayers and readings, through the use of the Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation and more assuredly

through thematic preaching all designed to have a cumulative effect of change, a change for the better. As we prepare to begin Lent, let’s all consider our faults and failings and begin the process of approaching God with the humble prayer, O Lord, have mercy on me a sinner. God bless you all. *Fr. Ryer*

Preparing for Lent Please be reminded that Ash Wednesday is March 1st and Mass will be offered at 7pm. In addition, Stations of the Cross and Benediction will be Friday evenings at 7pm. These are great ways of aiding us all as we transform ourselves during Lent.

School Vacation Religious Education is canceled this week due to the winter school vacation.

+ In Memoriam In your charity, please remember Deb Couture Maguire who lost her father this week.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner Our 17th Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner approaches on Sunday, March 19th 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 Meets There will be a meeting this morning at 9:25 in the parish office. All are invited.

Weekly Religious Education – Schedule at this link:

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

Wednesday Evening meetings at 6:00

Reminder....no class 2/22....vacation

Bible study with Deacon Noel

For 2/22 1 Timothy Ch 5 will be discussed

Join us Wednesday evening at 7pm...Seekers always welcome!

Valentine's Day Appetizers and Desserts The return of this competition for best appetizer and dessert produced a wonderful and spirited competition last Sunday during the height of the blizzard when 15 hearty souls brought delicious entries for this Valentine's event. Fr. Roger's stuffed mushroom caps were judged "delish" and took 1st place and Diana Marrocco's Turtle Cheesecake Chocolate Cookie Cups took 1st for deserts. It as a wonderful time and all of the foods were great!

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 ½ 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 19th. 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.

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 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 19th, (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

Mass Intentions



Sanctuary Light. Please speak with Fr. Roger to request either.



Birthdays during February: (11) Deacon Noel Sanche;z, (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!

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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!