



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 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 27, 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

Isaiah 22:19–23; Psalm 138; Romans 11:33–36; Matthew 16:13–20

Moving toward Jerusalem and his Passion, Jesus reaches Caesarea Philippi, a richly symbolic location for Peter's profession of faith and commissioning by Jesus. Nearby, the Jordan River originates. Here, after building a pagan shrine, Herod established his capital, naming the city for the emperor and himself. Thus, Peter's profession and Jesus' commission transform the location. Jordan's source becomes the fountainhead of Christian faith to water the earth and make it fruitful. Where pagan worship and worldly power joined forces to dominate people's lives, Jesus' kingdom is born to eclipse Herod's kingdom, Caesar's empire, and every succeeding power system by offering its "subjects" spiritual freedom and eternal life. Since these two kingdoms forever vie for the heart's absolute allegiance, Jesus challenges his disciples (and us) to make a personal choice: "Who do *you* that say I am?" (Matthew 16:15).

Not only do we hear our profession of faith in Peter's response, we should also recognize our personalities in Peter's: spirit willing, but flesh weak; words bold, deeds not so much; often enthusiastic, but easily frightened. Yet God worked wonders through Peter!

God's hand, through Peter, sustains the Church in every age, prompting Paul's exclamation: "Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable his judgments and how unsearchable his ways" (Romans 11:33). When we see what wonders God has wrought of the fragile stuff of disciples' lives—centuries of prayer and praise, mystery and ministry—from Peter to present day, from the first disciples to us, why doubt God's power at work here and now, even in us?

Question of the Week

How does Peter's continuing presence in the Church through the ministry of bishops impact my life of witness?

Next Sunday's Readings

Jeremiah 20:7–9; Psalm 63; Romans 12:1–2; Matthew 16:21–27

Announced Masses

Sanctuary Light Memorial – In Prayer for the Sick members of our parish

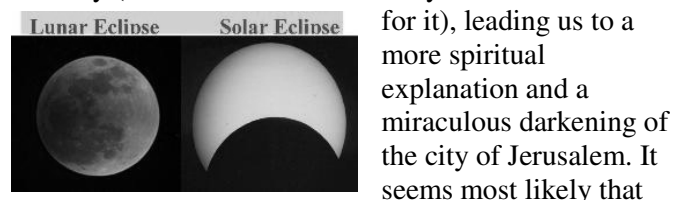
08/26	5:00	Soul of Peter Pond	By Nick Pond
08/27	8:30	Soul of Fr. Peter Scagnelli	
	10:30	Soul of Marianne "Mandy" Doyle	By Pat Crowshaw
08/30	7:00	Soul of John Securo	
09/02	5:00	Soul of Deborah Lema	By the Landy Family
09/03	8:30	Soul of Louise Nascenzi	
	10:30	Soul of Helen Petrone	
09/06	7:00	Soul of Rita Rose	

Parish Activities and Announcements

The Eclipse of the sun. This week's interest in the eclipse of the sun leads me to speak of the eclipse (darkness) mentioned in 3 accounts of Jesus Crucifixion. One account specifically mentions it as an eclipse of the sun. Science records eclipses and can calculate back, even to ancient times, revealing dates, time and even location for solar eclipses. Scientifically speaking, it was not possible for an eclipse of the sun to have naturally occurred on the date of Jesus' death. However, a *lunar eclipse* did occur on the recognized date of Jesus' death and offers a possible explanation (they can even be for longer periods of time, 3 hours being possible). Since a scientific explanation for the "darkness" noted on the day of Jesus' death seems

From the Pastor's Desk

unlikely (some other form of cataclysm could account



for it), leading us to a more spiritual explanation and a miraculous darkening of the city of Jerusalem. It seems most likely that the play between light and dark, combined with a Lunar eclipse on that day offers the best explanation for the darkness which enveloped the land on the day of Jesus death. God bless you all *Fr. Ryan*

Summer Picnic Our annual picnic was a wonderful, and even Dynamite event! We had over 25 for the afternoon with some stopping by as the afternoon progressed. SO MANY thanks to Geri for hosting this

event, with Marilyn, Dcn Noel and Adrien lending more than a hand....it was as hope, relaxing, pleasant with great conversation and sharing of wonderful foods....so many thanks to all.

In Memoriam The parish mourns the loss of our parishioner Rita Rose who will be buried from St. George's Church in Cranston on Tuesday morning at 10am. Please keep her husband David and their family in your prayers.



Tools for school Each year, we organize and collect items for school for local elementary students to help them have the tools to do well. We are in need of all school materials, especially backpacks and notebooks. There is a collection bin at the back of the church for this use. Thank you. **Program runs through September.**



Religious Education Registration With the approach of September, we look forward to the beginning of Religious Education for the 2017-18 year. Class instruction is mandatory for sacramental preparation (1st



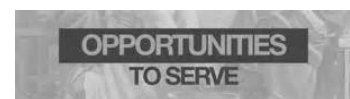
Communion and Confirmation), and recommended for all children. Please contact the office to register with us and parish membership is required.

Classes begin Wednesday, September 6th at 6pm

Bible Study In conjunction with Religious Education, Bible Study will also begin September 6th at 7:15.

Church Repairs accomplished Roof work is now completed and will provide us with a permanent solution to our shingle problem.

Ministry Opportunities We could use assistance with both readers for Mass and with Acolytes. Could you possibly help us? Speak with Fr.



Roger/Deacon Noel.

Lead by example and not just by word!

Property 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.

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/J1mWZQ1sdKQ>

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

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

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 Srinier, Mary Steinkamp, Geri Bergreen, 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 August: (2) Kathy Cooney; (3) Marc Hannan; (7) Stephen Massarone; (18) Russell Landy; (25) Felicia Petrone; (28) Elizabeth Sanchez and (30) Dorothy Collins.

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.

