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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 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 16, 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 55:10–11; Psalm 65; Romans 8:18–23; Matthew 13:1–23

• “My word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it” (Isaiah 55:11). Given that the average seed yields 7.5-fold, Jesus’ opening prediction of a hundredfold is radically optimistic indeed, especially given last week’s Gospel: rejection by the “wise and learned” with unseeing eyes, unhearing ears, unresponsive hearts. Wouldn’t we settle for average? A few strong, promising plants?

• For that matter, look at us! Very much Jesus’ mixed terrain—hearts trampled by hordes of superficial acquaintances, caravans of tradespeople, armies battling for our limited loyalty. Could anything grow on such a life-weary surface? Think too of those rocky edges of personality, our lack of depth, defying anything or anyone to take root. Thorns of “worldly anxiety,” “lure of riches,” other things we’d rather not mention (Matthew 13:22). Could any living thing breathe, let alone flourish, in the jungle of our hearts?

• But wait! Without denying what unreceptive soil we are much of the time, don’t we sometimes surprise even ourselves by sensing Jesus’ word unexpectedly triggering rebirth within? If even ourselves, then why not the wider Church or even our warring world? In God’s maddeningly patient time, of course, and in God’s hidden, silent way. What if, with Paul, we dared believe that all “creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God” (Romans 8:19)? What if we offered our humble efforts, our very selves to Jesus’ work of patient, persevering sowing, and did so with the same spendthrift generosity and daring optimism the Divine Sower lavishes on us?

Question of the Week

What kind of soil have I been this past week? How can I become better soil this week?

Next Sunday’s Readings

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

Announced Masses

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

07/15	5:00	Soul of Stephen Arthur	By Ray and Barbara Horbert
07/16	8:30	Good Health / Recovery Carol Petrone	By Marilyn Graf
	10:30	Soul of Joseph R. Labonte	By the Family
07/19	7:00	Soul of John Cionci	By the Family
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 Fr. Vern Decoteau	

Parish Activities and Announcements

Return on Investment. One thing many are interested in is what is “my return on my investment?” “ You know,

From the Pastor’s Desk

the percentage we receive back for the risk we take in investing both savings and retirement funds. Of course, the higher the return the better...or to put it another way...the more I receive the better I will be able to afford to live, afford better things in life, nicer car, nicer home, better grade of fashionable clothing, better restaurants, and the list goes on and on. To be sure, there is nothing the matter with this, for the Lord judges us not on our possessions but what we accomplish with them in this life. In our scriptures, Jesus speaks of effort producing a varied return on investment of time and seed, even a hundred fold. In

other words, by making an investment out of the ordinary, an investment in accomplishing work as Jesus disciple, we are rewarded for the “investment” we make. In fact rewarded richly. Something to keep in mind when we consider what we are going to accomplish with the resources we receive from God freely.

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!

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

Communications Committee: Monday at 7pm

Meetings occur as scheduled at the church office

All are invited to attend and to participate

Take possession! It's your parish

Gluten Free Hosts This past week, there was some press saying, to effect, that gluten free hosts are not acceptable for Eucharist at Mass. This was nothing new as hosts made from rice flour (gluten free) are not acceptable substitutions. This parish uses "low gluten" hosts for communicants with gluten intolerance. Low is allowable, "no" is not. This is written to clarify existing parish practice only and to remove any confusion.

In Memoriam I would like to thank each of you who have held Fr. Peter up in prayer the past 16 months. It meant a lot to me, to Father and to his sister Diane. Fr. Peter Scagnelli passed away on July 12th. He will be buried next week in Framingham. This picture was one of Fr Peter's favorites and he is pictured with Kinko, who



predeceased him. Father quietly made a difference in the lives of countless people and helped priests with his weekly writings being the basis for sermons around the world. He will be very sorely missed. Please keep his sister Diane in your prayers during the days ahead.

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

Bishop Prakash Will be with us again soon as Mariam becomes a US citizen on July 20th. Congratulations Bishop Prakash and Mariam.

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/obXXKr6oiq8>

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

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....join us!

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 Sriner, 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