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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 Third Sunday of Lent – March 19, 2017

Feast of Saint Patrick - Transferred

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

Exodus 17:3–7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1–2, 5–8; John 4:5–42 or 4:5–15, 19b–26, 39a, 40–42

- The next three Sundays feature Gospels from John, revealing Jesus as living water to the Samaritan woman, the light of the world to the man born blind, the resurrection and life to Lazarus, and indeed to all those preparing for Baptism or baptismal renewal. In each Gospel, Jesus progressively bestows God's amazing grace on someone, who in turn becomes a source of grace for others, and thus model and paradigm for our own Lenten journey.
- Imaging God's marriage of heaven and earth, Jesus meets a woman at the well where Jacob met Rachel. She has had five husbands and is living with a sixth man, making Jesus the seventh, i.e., biblical perfection. Awakening faith's living water in this Samaritan woman (therefore outside the Law by faith and lifestyle), Jesus guides her from perceiving him simply as another man, "Sir," to "I can see you are a prophet" (John 4:11, 19). When she acknowledges, "I know that the Messiah is coming," Jesus makes the Divine Name his own, declaring, "I AM he" (4:25, 26). Hastening to her fellow townspeople, also Samaritans (outside the Law), she becomes an evangelizer, a conduit of faith's living water, as they acclaim Jesus "truly the savior of the world" (4:42).
- As Moses struck the rock with his staff, may Jesus' cross—abiding instrument of God's unconditional mercy—strike our hardened hearts, unsealing Paul's celebrated flood of God's love "poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit" (Romans 5:5). We sinners are thus made channels of faith's living water for other thirsty souls, no matter how "outside the Law" they may seem.

Question of the Week

How will I personally share the journey of our catechumens to the waters of Baptism? Or, if our community has no catechumens, how will I share with one other person my discovery of Christ as "Savior of the world"?

Next Sunday's Readings

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6–7, 10–13a; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8–14; John 9:1–41

Announced Masses

Sanctuary Light Memorial – In Prayer for the Soul of Jeremy Clere

03/18	5:00	Soul of Jeremy Clere	
03/19	8:30	Soul of Josseph Montecalvo	
03/19	10:30	Soul of Joseph Wilkinson	By the Krzan Family
03/25	5:00	Soul of Teagan Sullivan	
03/26	8:30	Soul of Marie Matarazzo	By the Parisi Family
03/26	10:30	Soul of Florence Mazika	By the Labonte Family

Parish Activities and Announcements

Happy Anniversary! It seems not that long ago that a few souls gathered together for Mass at the newly

From the Pastor's Desk

opened St. Patrick's, but that is over 17 years ago this weekend. It was really a walk in faith back then to establish a parish offering an alternate view of Catholicism and while I have certainly had my bumps over the years, I can honestly say that it was all worth it and offered the opportunity, I would do it all again. At this time, I have given 1/3 of my life to this parish and seen a community grow from a few souls to many hundreds of active and inactive parishioners. It is the parishioners who make St. Patrick's a vibrant community. People here are warm, welcoming and concerned....exactly what you should see in an ambassador for Christ. Your caring actions and concern

for me as your pastor keep me working hard to provide you with the best parish that I can. Deacon Noel has been a wonderful addition to this community and I thank him and Elizabeth for their hard work and dedication. In closing, I ask you to recall the theme of our 15th Anniversary and to remember that *YOU* do hold the key to our future. God bless and thank you for all you do everyday. *F. Roper*

St. Patrick's Day Dinner Our 17th Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner is today 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. It should be a wonderful dinner and thanks to all you have decided to join us this afternoon.

**ANNUAL
DINNER**

Stations of the Cross / Benediction Friday evenings during Lent, join us to retrace the steps our Lord took during the Stations of the Cross and ending with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7pm. All are invited to this wonderful family devotion.

Welcome Bishop Gregory This weekend, we welcome into our community Bishop Gregory Ortiz who is visiting us for our annual feast day with his wife Cathy. The bishop will be with us for each of the Masses...so please say hello.

Please view the Lenten Video of the Week

<https://youtu.be/FbhStK9gAs>

A thought provoking video appropriate for Lent
A new video will be recommended each week.

Parish Council Meeting There will be a meeting on March 19th 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

Bible study with Deacon Noel Join us at 7:15....bring a friend

Alms Giving for Lent The basis for our inner spiritual conversion during Lent shows itself in **Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving**. 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 daily sacrifices 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 nation. *These funds may be given as an offering in the **poor box** in the vestibule 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.

Paddy's Porridge As we approach the Spring, our parish sponsors Paddy's Porridge....the taste of the parish! On Sunday, April 23rd...both bring your favorite Soup, Stew or Chili and join us for a wonderful afternoon tasting! Prizes awarded....no cost...2-4 in the church hall. Sign up available as we all pull out our best recipe's!

"Pot-O-Gold" Raffle In conjunction with St. Patrick's Day, this afternoon we will have the drawing for the Pot-O-Gold Raffle. The grand prize continues to grow and will be in excess of \$350.00. Thank you to all who have worked hard to make this raffle a success.



Special Collection During March, our special collection benefits the parish and assists with its utilities which cost us all about \$8,500 per year Thank you for your support, big or small, it does make a 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 April 9th, 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 Sliner, 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

Birthdays during March: (1) Jack Hannan (6) Barbara Landy (7) David and Lillian DiSano (15) Den Buco (20)Ray Horbert (24) Dan Barchie (28) Jeanne Chatelle
May God bless you now and in the year ahead!

Lead by example and not just by word!

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.



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!