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On Facebook as "Saint Patrick Catholic Church"

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 in Advent – December 17, 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, feel free to take the child to the baptistery area.

Text Message Feedback Line

(401) 345 9934

We want your feedback – Good and Bad

ALL ARE WELCOME No matter what your present church status, your current family and marital situation, no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, and regardless of personal worthiness; **YOU are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here.**

Thank you today for joining us!

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 61:1–2a, 10–11; Luke 1, 1 Thessalonians 5:16–24; John 1:6–8, 19–28

If this reading from Isaiah sounds familiar, it may be because we also hear it in Luke. This is the passage that Jesus is given to read in the synagogue, the verses he is referring to when he says, “Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing” (Luke 4:21). No wonder we hear it now, in anticipation of the celebration of his birth. The prophecy of Isaiah is on the cusp of fulfillment. That good news of gladness, of healing, of liberty, of vindication is here in the person of Jesus.

What is this “year of favor” that Isaiah announces? The year of favor was traditionally the time when debts were cancelled, land was redistributed equitably, and slaves were released. It was an acknowledgment that all the goods of this world, all creation, come from God and that God ultimately has sovereignty over humanity. What implications does this have for us today? What would happen to you and all you own? Obviously, it depends on our status and what we own in the first place. But maybe we should think of it from God’s perspective. God cares for each and every one of us. So if any one of us is poor, or brokenhearted, or oppressed, or held captive, it is an affront to God.

Saint Paul’s advice to the early Christian community at Thessalonica is good advice for us as well. “Rejoice always,” for we have been redeemed by Jesus. “Pray without ceasing,” for this is how we can communicate with God. “In all circumstances give thanks,” for all that we have has been given to us. “Do not quench the Spirit,” for it is the Holy Spirit who builds, energizes, and sanctifies us as we act according to God’s will (1 Thessalonians 5:16–19). It is also the Spirit who inspired Isaiah and Paul when they wrote the words we heard today.

Question of the Week

How can I help bring a “year of favor” to the world, to the community, to those I know?

Next Sunday’s Readings

(Christmas) Isaiah 9:1–6; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11–14; Luke 2:1–14

Announced Masses

Sanctuary Light Memorial – In Prayer for the Ill of our parish family

12/16	5:00	Souls of John and Paula Galvin	
12/17	8:30	Soul of John Securo	
	10:30	Soul of Valerie Gambuto-Carnevale (1 st Anniv)	By The Labonte Family
12/20	6:45	Soul of Rita Rose	
12/23	5:00	Soul of Ryan Sullivan	By Elizabeth Reis
12/24	8:30	Soul of Marie Custer	By Anastasia Custer
	10:30	Soul of Fr Peter Scagnelli	
	3:00	Soul of Theresa Chamberland	By The Chatelle Family
	5:00	Soul of Valerie Gambuto Carnevale	By Swingers Bowling League
12/25	10:00	Soul of Maria Faccenda	By the Family
12/27	7:00	Souls of Chris Grady and Dominic Martin	

Parish Activities and Announcements

A year of favor. Would it not be nice to simply wipe the slate clean? An opportunity to abandon faults and

From the Pastor’s Desk

failings and to turn anew to the Lord who is always willing to accept us with open arms if only we make the effort. This week’s reading from Isaiah citing a *year of favor* is exactly that, a clean sweep, an official putting aside of all that separates us with the hope that through a call to equal membership to the family of God that we will continue the effort. But are we up to this

challenge, this opportunity to make things right again on a grand scale? It is one thing to start the ball rolling and certainly another to keep it rolling. Our best intentions often come up short in a great amount of things we do in life and as a result, we all tend to become downtrodden at the thought of failure. Let this year be a year of favor and a rallying call to each of us for a new fresh start, so accept the Father’s loving arms of forgiveness as we await the blessed hope of Christmas.

God bless you all *Fr. Ray*

Stewardship Appeal 2018 Letters were sent out on the 1st and follow up letters are being sent out to the many we have not heard back from. Please reply quickly as the parish prepares for 2018. Please keep in mind **Our parish budget for 2018 remains at \$110,000** or \$925 per parishioner / \$18.00 per parishioner, per week, every week, whether or not they attend church.

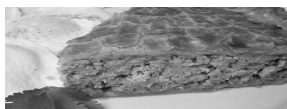
In Memoriam In recent weeks, Claire Homer lost her daughter, Holly Homer Furtado and Pat Saccoccio lost her Mother-in-Law, Erza Saccoccio. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayer during this sad time of loss. Memorial Masses here are being scheduled.

Parish Council Our Annual Meeting is in January and your parish council is seeking interest from among the members. There are three openings. If you would like to join our active team, please drop a note to our president at adrien.mercure@gmail.com. Thank you.

Giving Tree A word of thanks to all those who participated in our giving tree. Your gifts will make a difference in the lives of many this Christmas Season as you put into action all that we speak about at St. Patrick's. Thank you once again for your kindness in making a difference this Christmas Season.

Christmas Caroling We had a great time last Sunday singing some of our favorite Christmas Carols for those who struggle to enter any kind of a festive spirit for the Christmas Season. Special thanks to Justin who kept us on key and to the Corleys who were kind in providing open doors for the singers following the caroling..

Holiday Meat Pies Many Thank you for your orders.



They will be clearly marked in the church refrigerator for your pick up any time from the 19th until Christmas.

Coffee Hour Next Sunday, we will host coffee hour at the 8:30 Mass only and prepare for Christmas after the 10:30.

Weather Advisory Regardless of weather, Masses are offered as scheduled. Our Rectory is nearby and allows this. From time to time, as a convenience, Masses may be rescheduled to avoid approaching bad weather.

2018 Expanded Notification New in 2018, reminders and timely messages will also be issued by TXT from the office cell# (401) 345 9934. Better communications!

Parish Appreciation Party You give so much to the parish every week, join us on Friday January 26th at the Rosario Club *for an appreciation party* from 6 to 8. This is an open invitation. Please let the office know name and number attending. Information on the Bulletin Board



Holiday Gift Card Sales \$10.00 "Stocking Stuffer"
Dunkin Donuts Gift Cards are now on sale
For face value of \$10.00. Sales benefit the parish

Stonewall Kitchen Fine Products! Fine gourmet food items from the famous *Stonewall Kitchens of York, Maine*. We are offering them at substantial discount to normal prices....check them out, pick some up for the house or for gift giving....as their quality is second to none and all sales benefit our parish and help us.

>>Christmas Sale \$1.00 off already low prices<<
>>\$3.00 off all baskets through Christmas<<

Anointing of the Sick / Holy Hour of Adoration
Today following the 10:30 Mass
Join us for Healing and for Prayer

Wednesday Evenings at Saint Patrick's
Religious Education at 6pm
Mass at 6:45
Bible Study at 7:15
Religious Ed Schedule at this link:
<http://freepdfhosting.com/9feb17dec7.pdf>

Parish Prayer and Birthday list

Please keep this partial list in your prayers

Bernie Blumenthal, Deb Buco, Dotty Diaz, Dino Galiano, 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, 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 December: (1) Nicole Ucci, (2) Claire Homer, (11) Stephen Faccenda, III, (12) Jim Covington, (16) Maria Richards, (21) Fr. Roger, (26) Ann Buonaccorsi.

May God bless you now and in the year ahead!

Lead by example and not just by word!

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

Valerie Gambuto – Carnevale (12/16)

Marie Custer (12/23)

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord

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

