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Love God ♦ Love Neighbor ♦ Make Disciples

Saint Patrick's is a welcoming Catholic Community.
The church is accessible to wheelchairs with assistance.

Third Sunday of Lent – March 8, 2026

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil Mass **5:00 pm**

Sunday Masses **8:30 and 10:30 am**

Coffee hour follows 8:30 Mass Weekly

Weekday Masses as announced

Holy Day Mass **7:00 pm** or as announced

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Roger H. Durand

Pastor

Rev. Mr. Noel Sanchez

Deacon

Felicia Baker

Music Director

Office hours

The Office is open by Appointment only

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

Anointing after all Masses 1st Weekend of the month

Parish Membership

We welcome you to join our growing parish family! Registration cards available at church entrance and offering envelopes are available as desired.

Celiac Disease

We 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) 944-0001**

We want your feedback – Good and Bad

Hymns & Liturgy of the Word

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 in RED refer to the same Worship Book and the Hymns in TAN refer to the tan We Celebrate Book.

YOU ARE WELCOMED HERE

No matter what your church status, your current family or 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.

Reflections on the Weekend Scriptures

Exodus 17:3-7 / Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 / John 4:5-42

- The God we encounter in the Torah does not hesitate to punish those who disobey or break the commandments. When the Chosen People complain to Moses, accusing him of bringing them to the desert to die of thirst, and Moses complains to God, God could have made them pay for their insolence. But instead God quenches their thirst by taking a rock as hard as their hearts appear to be and imbuing it with flowing water. Similarly, Jesus does not shame the woman for her many marriages or her current lifestyle, but offers her living water, water that within her will well up to eternal life. Paul points out that Jesus went on to die for us on the cross while we were still sinners, saving us rather than condemning us. May we realize that the life-giving water we receive in baptism is a gift most undeserved.
- When one takes the time to engage someone else in conversation beyond idle chitchat or cocktail party banter, both parties invariably end up revealing something about themselves that neither saw coming. Witness the dialogue between Jesus and the woman in today's Gospel. This happens to be the lengthiest conversation Jesus has with one other person in the Gospels. When they first address each other, the woman just wants to fill her jar with water and Jesus just wants a drink. But by the end, the woman has confirmed that Jesus told her everything she had done and Jesus has revealed himself as the source of living water and the Messiah. When she leaves the well, Jesus knows her as well as she knows herself and she knows who he is even more than his own disciples seemingly do at this point.
- Little by little, Jesus uncovers the woman's character. She is a Samaritan of strong faith, worshipping on the mountain where Jacob dug the well they have used for centuries. She has had a checkered married life, with five husbands in the past and now living with a man who is not her husband. She recognizes Jesus first as a prophet, then as the Messiah, whom they have all been awaiting anxiously. In a similar way, the scrutinies, the first of which we celebrate today, are intended to uncover our own sinfulness and weaknesses while strengthening our faith and our hope that God can heal and save us. May we recognize the springs of water that we have within us that give us whatever we need to satisfy our spiritual thirst.

Question of the Week

How can the life-giving water I received in baptism flow through me to quench the thirst of others in need?

Next Weekend's Readings

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a / Ephesians 5:8-14 / John 9:1-41

Mass Intentions

Sanctuary Light – In Prayer for the Ill of our parish

Sat Sat, March 7	5:00pm	Good Health/Recovery Tom Geruso
Sun, March 8	8:30am	Soul of Michael Murphy
	10:30am	Soul of Esther B. Lepore
During the week: Tuesday (Soul of Steven J. Perry) and Friday (Special Intention) at 12 noon		
Sat, March 14	5:00pm	For a Special Intention
Sun, March 15	8:30am	Soul of Michael Murphy
	10:30am	For a Special Intention
During the week: Monday and Friday at 12 noon		

Feeding the Flock

Sometimes things happen at church, and perhaps a little time should be put aside to explain them to each of you. We try to make the Season of Lent "special" from the rest of the year and try to do this in a number of ways. First, we provide you with a daily reflection book at or about Ash Wednesday

for the entire season. Then we make "changes" to the Mass designed to keep it a reflective period. First, music is kept soft in tone on purpose. The penitential rite is changed to a sung "Lord, Have Mercy" as an intensive penitential prayer. The parts around the Eucharistic Prayer are a mass setting

which is sung a cappella (no organ) and the sermons are designed to accompany you calling to mind the great moments of the Old Testament and the traditional themes of Lent. All of this has a singular goal of making Lenten Weekend Masses more thoughtful.

In addition, we are receiving special Lenten

Offerings. What is special about them is that they are designed to be a real sacrifice of something tangible, something given up and the financial cost of the

event or activity sacrificed to help neighborhood food pantries. Of course, this does make a difference only in so far as you actually participate in the activity.

Having gone through a penitential season the Easter Season will be far more meaningful. More on that as we draw closer to April 5th. Fr. Roger

March Birthdays God bless you now and in the year ahead! *Barbara Landy (6), Connie Legacy (20) and Robert Legacy (24).*

March Special Collection Our once a month special collection for March is used to help defray parish utilities. We ask your generosity.

Clothing Collection Shed A home for your unwanted **Clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, towels, sheets, pillowcases, curtains and stuffed toys!** We appreciate your participation. The shed is emptied regularly. Thank you.

2025 Statistics: *we collected 22,965 pounds of clothing, benefiting about 4,230 people around the world. Your donations do make a difference!!*

Claire M Durand Flower Fund. This memorial fund is receiving donations with envelopes at the door to keep us in fresh flowers. Thank you so much for your kindness and for your support.

Prayer List For prayers for our loved ones: Cathy Mizzoni, Tom Jeffrey, Mary Masse, Jim Gallagher, Bettie Lombard, Rita Miller, Rebecca Eagen, Ken Ryan, Ron Nastari, Carol Zelano, Michael Lofton, Norma Marcello, Mark Garafalo, Michael, Sarah, Connie Iannuccilli, Manuel Costa, Kathy Slater, Robert Marcoux, Michael Costa, Jean Brown, Ron Cioe, Hilda Degnan, Albert Costa, Dave Costa, Ron Kine, Lynne Montiero, Colleen Maniscalco, Don DiNuccio, Lynn Regan and Joan Pagliuca, Raymond Rounds, Lacey Hogue.

Weekday Masses We are still testing the waters and will be trying Monday and Friday at

noon. If you would like to be part of this process, txt me a message at 401-499-1076

Lenten Devotion During the Season of Lent, join us Friday evenings at 7pm when we retrace the Stations of the Cross and combine this with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Parish Necrology. During the Month of March, we remember our deceased parishioners Diana Marrocco and Clara Frio.

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord!

Mass Intentions Needed There is no greater act of charity than to remember a loved one with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. When we have a Mass offered for someone, we pray for them and ask for a merciful judgment.

Common time to offer Masses is on birthday remembrances, special holy days and also the anniversary of someone's death. There is a form to request this at the entrance of the church.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner Join us on Sunday, March 15th at the Rossario Club as we celebrate a



special parish dinner combined with a fond remembrance of St. Joseph. The flyer is up detailing the dinner. Tickets for

this event are \$25.00. Its the best deal in Knightsville, even better than Marchetti's! Ask Fr. Roger for a ticket

Last Chance for tickets!

Stewardship Reminder "Out of sight...Out of mind" Try to remember to make up those many missed offerings for those many missed masses? We depend on it! Thank you

Weekday Masses The great experiment continues! It appears that those interested are available for Mass during the week at lunchtime. It is new for me, but if this works best, noon Masses will work fine. Watch the Bulletin for any changes as they occur.

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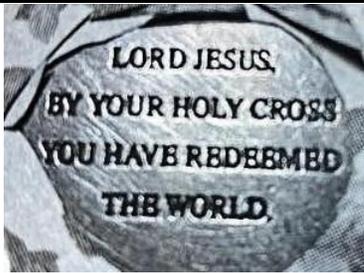
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