



Saint Patrick Catholic Church

2068 Cranston Street
Cranston, Rhode Island 02920

Office: 401-944-0001

Email: StPatrickRloffic@aol.com

Website: SaintPatrickCatholicChurch.org

Facebook: Saint Patrick Catholic Church

In Communion with the Charismatic Episcopal Church
an international Catholic denomination

Loving God ♦ Loving Neighbor ♦ Making Disciples since 2000

Saint Patrick's is a welcoming Catholic Community.

The church is accessible to wheelchairs with assistance.

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time—August 30, 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 (Monday and Friday 12noon)

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

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Roger H. Durand

Pastor

Rev. Mr. Noel Sanchez

Deacon

Ms Felicia Baker

Music Director

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

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

Text Message Feedback Line

(401) 944-0001

We want your feedback – Good and bad

All are welcome 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 welcome***

Reflections on the Weekend Scriptures

Jeremiah 20:7–9 /Romans 12:1–2 /Matthew 16:21–27

• Who can really blame Peter for saying what he felt? He loves Jesus, has just proclaimed him Christ and Lord, and probably expects him to take the throne of David when they get to Jerusalem, but now is hearing that Jesus is going to be killed when they get there. He will not let that happen! But none of them understand that this is Jesus’ mission. They are, as Jesus says, “thinking not as God does, but as human beings do” (Matthew 16:23). As we are human beings ourselves, limited by human thinking, we also wish that our own mission was easy and safe. But it is not. It requires denying our desires and carrying our crosses, no matter how difficult or scary. In baptism, we were marked with the sign of the cross. As disciples, we are called to live that out.

• Though we cannot know the mind of God or think as God does, Saint Paul prays that the Romans “may discern what is the will of God” (Romans 12:2). To do this, Paul tells them, “Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind” (12:2). In this age, as in Paul’s, we are tempted to conform ourselves to conventional wisdom or popular opinion. Saint Peter wanted Jesus to conform himself to their expectations, but he refused to do so. Yes, we must be willing to resist societal pressure and think differently to discern the will of God.

• Some of the words Jesus says to Peter—“Get behind me,” “You are an obstacle”—we would do well to keep in mind ourselves (Matthew 16:23). As disciples, we should be getting behind Jesus, following him wherever he leads us, carrying our crosses, as he did his. We should also avoid being obstacles to others on their faith journeys. Then we can look forward to one day being repaid for our sacrifice when Jesus comes again in glory.

Question of the Week

When have I been reluctant or unable to resist pressure to conform to society’s expectations?

+-----

Next Weekend’s Readings

Ezekiel 33:7–9 /Romans 13:8–10 /Matthew 18:15–20

Mass Intentions

Sanctuary Light – In Prayer for the Good Health / Recovery of Nick Pond

Sat	Aug 29	5:00pm	Souls of Biagio and Leona Izzi
Sun	Aug 30	8:30am	Soul of Theresa Covington
		10:30am	Soul of Philip Lee
Mon	Aug 31	12 noon	Soul of Fr. Vern Decroteau
Fri	Sept 4	12 noon	For a Special Intention

+-----

Sat	Sept 5	5:00pm	Souls of Biagio and Leona Izzi
Sun	Sept 6	8:30am	Soul of Robert Stewart
		10:30am	Soul of Raymond Horbert
Mon	Sept 7	12 noon	Soul of Frank Rainone
Fri	Sept 11	12 noon	For a Special Intention

+-----

From the Pastor

While we have studied St. Matthew's Gospel this liturgical year, the summer has been given over to weekly selections from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans. This document represents a number of things. First, it was written to an existing infant community of Christians in Rome, which St. Paul

had neither founded nor visited. In fact, it was sent to them while preparations were being made for a missionary trip which was being planned to Spain. The purpose for the letter was to both introduce himself and to introduce the Gospel. He did this by giving his fullest statement of the gospel, addressing core themes such as sin, justification by faith, life in the Spirit, and God’s faithfulness.

Romans is described as Paul's fullest statement of the gospel. That description helps explain why Paul chose to write rather than simply arrive and speak in person: the letter serves as a substantial, organized presentation of the message he preached. It also clarifies why Romans has enduring importance as a summary of what Paul understood the gospel to be.

The themes named for Romans—sin, justification by faith, life in the Spirit, and God's faithfulness—show what Paul considered necessary to include in his explanation. The theme of sin sets the problem the gospel addresses. Justification by faith states how people are made right with God through faith in Christ. Life in the Spirit points to the kind of life that follows from the gospel Paul preaches. God's faithfulness frames the reliability of God's actions and promises as Paul explains the gospel's meaning for Jews and Gentiles.

One of the central reasons Paul wrote Romans was to explain how both Jews and Gentiles are made right with God through faith in Christ. This emphasis places "justification by faith" at the heart of the letter's purpose. Romans is not only about individual belief; it is explicitly framed to address both Jews and Gentiles, showing how the same gospel applies across these groups.

All of this background information is shared with you to give you a better understanding of this letter which is often called "The Gospel of St. Paul."

Fr. Roger

August Birthdays God bless you now and in the year ahead! *Marc Hannan (3), Russ Landy (18), Jim Jaworski (27), Elizabeth Sanchez (28), and Dot Collins (30).*

August Special Collection we ask your generosity to assist the parish with utilities once a month. Please give to this special collection.

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!!*

envelopes at the door to keep us in fresh flowers.

Claire M Durand Flower Fund. This memorial fund is receiving donations to help with flowers in the church.

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. Bretton Pierce. Carl Tirocchi, Nick Pond.

Tools for School For many years, before his death, Ray Horbert spearheaded this effort to make a difference in the local Cranston School System with educational materials for elementary school kids. In the back of the narthex, there is a box placed to receive donations. All manner of school materials are acceptable, with an emphasis on backpacks, and smaller carry items. That with pens, paper, notebooks, etc is what is normally needed. Please consider assisting this community effort

Join us on the Vineyard Join us at **Gooseneck Vineyards on Sunday, Sept 13th, 2-5.** We will tour, taste and enjoy both the vineyard, local food offerings and some of the finest wine grown and bottled in Rhode Island. There is a sign up so we can plan appropriately for the day!



Parish Necrology. During the Month of August, we remember Rita Rose on August 24th. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord!

Bulletin Advertising There are 3 spaces available for bulletin advertising. Cost is \$65.00 for the entire year. Please speak with Fr. Roger if this interests you.



Anointing of the Sick Next weekend, we will offer anointing of the Sick following all three Masses. If you feel that the sacrament will assist you, please feel free to approach.

**In Loving Memory
of
Stephen Adamski**

Cruise Vacations & More

Affiliated with



ANN BUONACCORSI
TravelwithAnnB@gmail.com
(401) 416-6545

**In Loving Memory
of
Francis Gathof**



West Bay Martial Arts

3775 Post Road
Warwick, RI 02886
P: 401-632-5485

Westbaymartialarts.com
Westbaymartialarts.com

Sensei David Ghigliotty



**1950 South County Trail
East Greenwich RI 02886
401-467-4343 www.colecabinets.com**

**Newly expanded
Kitchen and Bathroom Showroom
Featuring Quality All-Wood Cabinets
EXPERIENCE, CREATIVITY, CRAFTSMANSHIP
Locally Owned since 1974**



Willow Tree Landscaping
Professional Landscape Design
401-641-0415



**FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED
SINCE 1985!**

**313 WARWICK AVE
Cranston, RI 02905**

**(401) 781-4228
phillipsplumbingri.com**

CALL OR CONTACT US ONLINE TODAY!



David G. Marchetti Donald M. Marchetti
1463 Park Ave. Cranston, RI 02920 401.943.7649
www.marchettis.com



May God Bless America

250th Anniversary

One Nation Under God



Lic # 2020

Gregory J. DiZoglo • 401.529.3983

3 Tag Drive
North Providence, RI 02911

Tel 401.354.8600
Fax 401.369.7492

**A&T Casali
Liquors**

*"Home of Fine Wines
and Liquors"*
1776 Cranston Street
Cranston, RI 02920
401-943-4882

**Support your Parish
Buy Your Stamps at Church**



**ROLL OF STAMPS
\$60.00**

**Support your Parish
Buy Your Stamps at Church**



**ROLL OF STAMPS
\$60.00**

**Woodlawn Funeral
Homes, Inc.**

*Family owned for 4
generations*
600 Pontiac Ave,
Cranston

401-421-0289

Susan M. Tasca, Director
Michael P. Tasca, President

**Support your Parish
Buy Your Stamps at Church**



**ROLL OF STAMPS
\$60.00**

WANTED!

**If you were arrested for
being a follower of Christ**

**Would there be enough
evidence to convict you?**



617.630.1999 \ 401.345.4276
Newton, MA Warwick, RI
www.architects2boston.com

**ADRIEN MERCURE
ARCHITECTS 2**