



Saint Patrick Catholic Church

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25th Anniversary Year – 2000 – 2025

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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.

5th Sunday of Easter – May 18, 2025

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil Mass **5:00 pm**

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

Coffee hour follows 8:30 Mass Weekly

Wednesday evenings at **6:30 pm**

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

Acts 14:21–27/ Revelation 21:1–5a/ John 13:31–33a, 34–35

- Love is not easy. Even the love we have for a child, a spouse, a parent, or a significant other takes work. We have to overlook certain things that may annoy or anger us. The favors we do for them may be difficult and draining. Over time, we struggle with showing our love as we want to. So Jesus' command to love one another is a challenge to begin with. When he adds, "As I have loved you" it becomes nearly impossible (John 13:34). After all, he laid down his life for his disciples. How can we match that? God willing, we never will have to. But we love one another as Jesus loves us when we sacrifice our own wishes for those we love. In so doing, we are both obeying and imitating the Lord. We pray that we may continue to do so without complaint, without resentment, without giving up.
- For love of us, God entrusted the entire human race to the Son. Who is entrusted to us in love? In the marriage vow, partners entrust themselves to each other. Our children are entrusted to us from birth or adoption. Aging parents may entrust themselves to us. We may be entrusted with others' lives as a teacher, a mentor, or in military service. We care for those entrusted to us with a love that bonds us to the other person in a reflection of that bond that Jesus established with us.
- The bonds we share with those we love transcend time and space. They even transcend death. Those who have died in Christ, says John in Revelation, are citizens of the new Jerusalem, where "there shall be no more death or mourning" (21:4). Because Jesus has redeemed us, "the old order has passed away" (21:4). In the new order, if you will, the blind see, the deaf hear, the lame dance, and the dead rise to new life: "Behold, I make all things new" (21:5).

Question of the Week

Who is entrusted to me in love? What have I done to reinforce and strengthen that bond between us?

Acts 15:1–2, 22–29/ Revelation 21:10–14, 22–23/ John 14:23–29

Mass Intentions

Sanctuary Light – In Prayer for the Ill of our parish

Sat, May 17	5:00pm	For a Special Intention
Sun, May 18	8:30am	Soul of Theresa Covington
	10:30am	For a Special Intention
Wed, May 21	6:30pm	For a Special Intention

Sat, May 24	5:00pm	For a Special Intention
Sun, May 25	8:30am	Soul of Robert Stewart
	10:30am	For a Special Intention
Wed, May 28	6:30pm	For a Special Intention

Feeding the Flock

The vision of a new heaven and a new earth as depicted in the Book of Revelation serves as a profound reminder of the transformative power of love and community. This eschatological promise not only signifies a future filled with hope and renewal but also calls upon us to embody the principles of compassion and kindness in our daily lives. The imagery of a restored creation invites believers to reflect on their responsibilities toward one another, emphasizing that the essence of faith is rooted in the relationships we cultivate with our neighbors. In this context, the call to love is not

merely a suggestion but a fundamental tenet that shapes our interactions and defines our moral compass.

Central to this message is the example set by Christ, whose love for humanity serves as the ultimate model for how we should treat one another. His teachings and actions exemplify selflessness, empathy, and a deep commitment to the well-being of others. By following Christ's example, we are encouraged to extend our love beyond mere words, actively engaging in acts of service and support for those around us. This love is not limited to those

who are easy to love; rather, it challenges us to reach out to the marginalized, the suffering, and even those who may oppose us. In doing so, we participate in the creation of a community that reflects the values of the new heaven and new earth.

Ultimately, the call to love our neighbor as Christ loved us is a transformative journey that requires intentionality and dedication. It invites us to reconsider our priorities and to recognize the inherent dignity in every individual. As we strive to embody this love, we contribute to the realization of a more just and compassionate world, one that mirrors the divine vision of harmony and peace. In this way, the teachings of Revelation not only inspire hope for the future but also empower us to take meaningful action in the present, fostering a spirit of unity and understanding among all people.

May Birthdays God bless you now and in the year ahead! Michael Bruni (2), Jennie Martinez (4), Joe Bruni (7), Mary Boyer (8), Pat Gathof (19), Michael Traficante (2) and Geri Bergreen(27).

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

Bible Study An opportunity to explore the readings for the coming Sunday in advance, and biblical topics Join us after Mass on Wednesday evenings. All are invited!

Mother's Day Tulip Sale Thank you for your support. This fundraiser produced a profit of \$103.25 to the parish.

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.

2024 Statistics: *we collected 24,100 pounds of clothing, benefiting about 4,500 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 Maniscalzo, Don

DiNuccio, Lynn Regan and Joan Pagliuca, Raymond Rounds, Lacey Hogue.

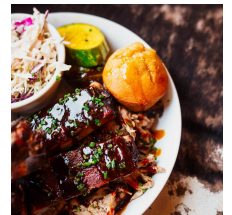
Coffee Hour Assistance There is need for assistance with the coffee hour following the 8:30 Mass on a rotating basis. It requires a bit of time before Mass to set up and assistance in breaking down as well. If you can help with this, please speak with Geri. We do need assistance.

Anniversary Project To celebrate the 25th Anniversary, we will completely change the front landscaping of the church replacing bushes and grass with smaller bushes, perennials and ground cover. We will also install "on demand" watering to keep it green. We expect this project to take shape the beginning of May. The construction is moving slowly and no doubt will extend into June and perhaps later.

Looking for a parish? Why not consider St. Patrick's for your new spiritual home? Convenient and timely Masses, warm and accepting community and scriptural sermons. Visit us and join us as we journey together. Now in our 25th year as a parish.

Summer BBQ Luncheon

Join us on Sunday, June 1st for our Summer BBQ. Utilizing the skills of Great Northern BBQ, we will be serving up some of the finest in the state! Rain or shine event under our pavilion or church basement. There is no expense for this event, but an accurate count is necessary. Sign up for a great time at the bulletin board!



Anointing of the Sick Following all masses on the first weekend of each month. All are invited.

Parish Necrology. During the Month of May, we remember our deceased parishioner Armand Lefebvre ^{21st}) *Eternal Rest grant unto him 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.

Reminder to Visitors We are pleased that you chose to visit us for Holy Mass. Please keep in mind that nothing here is free, but is paid for by the parish from offerings received.. Please be prepared to make a generous offering as the collector passes through the congregation right after the sermon. Thank you.

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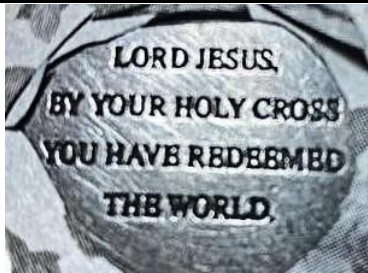
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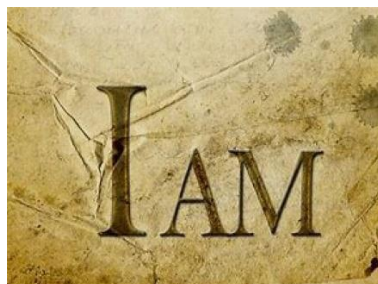
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