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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 26, 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
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***

Reflections on the Weekend Scriptures

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 / Romans 8:28-30 / Matthew 13:44-52

- Given the chance to ask one thing of God for ourselves, what would we choose? Before we answer, we would be wise to look back at other things we've wished for, even longed for, and have received. Have they brought us the joy we thought they would? Or did our satisfaction fade over time? Remember, God is infinitely good, the source of all goodness, constant goodness, whether that is love, peace, or happiness. Solomon asked for an understanding heart so that he could exercise wise judgment. With this, he could judge among many good things and discern what truly would bring him joy. But we don't need this. Jesus has revealed the greatest treasure to us—the kingdom—and it will bring us true joy. May we trust in him and pursue the kingdom over all other good things.
- It would be easy to misinterpret the first two parables we hear in today's Gospel and conclude that they were about becoming wealthy beyond our wildest dreams. Both the person who finds the buried treasure and the merchant who finds the pearl of great price sell all they have to buy their treasure. But note that they don't turn around and sell these objects for a huge windfall. Nor are they holding them as investments that can appreciate in value. No, these objects are their goal. They have found their true treasures. For us disciples, Jesus says, our treasure is the kingdom of heaven. May we appreciate the treasure of the kingdom and joyfully pay the cost of discipleship, bear our crosses, make our sacrifices, and give what we have to those in need in order to obtain it.
- Like the "false wheat" we heard about last week, which was allowed to grow alongside the wheat until it was harvested, then thrown into "the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth" (Matthew 13:42, 50), the "bad" fish meet the same end. In each case, we trust God to make the judgment between good and bad. In each case, we are given a warning about those who are wicked, who try to corrupt those who are righteous. But it is also a warning to those who do evil, that they have until the time of the harvest to change their ways. May we heed God's warning and take advantage of our opportunity to repent of our sins as soon as possible, for we know not when the net will sweep us up.

Question of the Week

What sacrifices am I willing to make and what hardships am I willing to endure in order to gain the kingdom of heaven?

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Next Weekend's Readings

Isaiah 55:1-3 / Romans 8:35, 37-39 / Matthew 14:13-21

Mass Intentions

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

Sat	July 25	5:00pm	Souls Biagio & Leona Izzi
Sun	July 26	8:30am	Good Health / Recovery Nick Pond
		10:30am	Soul of Carol A. Abbruzzese
Mon	July 27	12 noon	Soul of Bertha Radigan
Fri	July 31	12 noon	For a Special Intention

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Sat	Aug 1	5:00pm	Soul of Fred Rounds
Sun	Aug 2	8:30am	Soul of Jenera Olivo
		10:30am	Soul of Mrs Bertha Radigan
Mon	Aug 3	12 noon	For a Special Intention
Fri	Aug 7	12 noon	For a Special Intention

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From the Pastor

For the past few weeks, we have been studying good vs evil in a characterization of those living

righteous lives and those who freely choose not. Combined with looking at the examples is the promise of eternal life and eternal punishment for those, while having the opportunity and freely

choosing against righteous living.. This week, we add a new dimension to this study: value. Our first reading tells of King Solomon and the gift of wisdom which he valued above all else and was therefore given by the Father. Paired with this, the gospel tells of three brief stories, about a pearl, a buried treasure and finally, an overly abundant number of fish (remember, we are talking about fisherman). Among Jesus' crown, all three were worth a tremendous amount. The question was, how much would you be willing to sacrifice to achieve them, and then, a promise that the gift of eternal life is valued high above all three. In other words, the gift is worth all.

This brings us, to us. We hear all of our lives about the gift (freely given and never earned) of eternal life. Then, we are asked to value that gift to ourselves and finally, asked to sacrifice to achieve it. King Solomon was wise, and the Father is far wiser than the king and He promises the gift. So, the final thing to reason, if we can is just how much we are willing to sacrifice to achieve something far surpassing ourselves and when that decision is made, then to be about achieving the goal, as best we can, by sacrificial actions more valuable than we can imagine. Fr. Roger

July Birthdays God bless you now and in the year ahead! *Greg Richards (11), Abigail Bruni (18), Mary Bruni (24) and Jason Desrosiers (28).*

July Special Collection we ask your generosity to assist the parish with utilities once a month. Please help.

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.

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.

Summer Luau For many years, Marc and Deb have had a Toys for Tots "toy" Luau at their home in Coventry. **This year it is on Saturday July 25th beginning at 1pm** (Details on the bulletin board) There will be many there and you are welcome to enjoy the day. They ask the donation of Toys and will make this easier by supplying a box in the back of the church to receive them. It was kind to extend to all and will be a good time.

This is going on this weekend all afternoon Saturday into the evening.
Feel free to join

Upcoming Summer Events

--August 16th is the annual Summer picnic out of doors under the pavilion in our prayer garden.

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.

Parish Necrology. During the Month of July, we remember Margaret Pitts on July 7th. 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.

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