Saint Patrick Catholic Church

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In Communion with the Charismatic Episcopal Church
an international Catholic denomination

Love God ◆ Love Neighbor ◆ Make Disciples

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 15, 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
1 Samuel 16:1b, 6–7, 10-13a / Ephesians 5:8–14 / John 9:1–41

• In today's first reading, the LORD asserts that God does not see how people see. We tend to see appearances, but God looks into the heart. How often do we find ourselves unable to see past appearances: the way someone looks, or sounds, or acts? In doing so, are we showing unconscious biases, prejudices, or assumptions? Let us not be like the Pharisees in the Gospel who become indignant when questioning the man who once was blind. They cannot see past their belief that the man must have been born in sin. Nor can they look past the fact that Jesus happened to heal this man on the sabbath. These preconceived judgments blind them to the wonders of God, revealed in Christ.

• The questioners in the Gospel think they have a good argument in their as sertion that the formerly blind man was born totally in sin. What they fail to realize is that we all were born totally in sin. We all have inherited original sin. Moreover, we all are sinful creatures, susceptible to sin each and every day. Do we look at others who have sinned as less than us because their sin is worse or more visible? Does acting "holier than thou" help us feel better about ourselves? Can we challenge ourselves to look honestly at ourselves before criticizing or judging others?

• There is an especially tender moment in this Gospel passage, nestled incon spicuously in the aftermath of the cure. It's easy to miss, as it's just half of a verse in a selection that includes an entire chapter of John's Gospel. After the formerly blind man has the audacity to suggest that Jesus must be from God and the religious authorities respond by expelling him from the synagogue, John writes, "When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him . . ." (John 9:35). Here was a man who had been blind his entire life. An outcast from society, he used to sit and beg, likely often outside the synagogue. He would not have been welcome inside, since it was thought he or his parents must be sinful if he is blind. Then his whole life changed with a chance encounter with Jesus. But the authorities are unable to accept this sign from God and eventually he is excluded once again from the community he had been able to join for, maybe, only a day or two. When Jesus is told about this, he immediately goes and finds him. One imagines that he feels terrible that the timing of his healing caused this awful consequence. Perhaps he is justifiably angry at the religious authorities. But whatever the motivating factor, he feels compassion for the man he'd healed and wants to comfort him. And comfort him he did, for it is only then that he completes the cure for his blindness. The man's spiritual eyesight is fully realized as he desires to believe in the Son of Man and comes to know that Jesus is he.

Question of the Week
What are my blind spots? What biases do I have that distort the way I see others?
Am I willing to ask someone I know well to be honest with me?

Next Weekend's Readings
Ezekiel 37:12–14 / Romans 8:8–11 / John 11:1–45

Mass Intentions

***Sanctuary Light* – In Prayer for the Ill of our parish**

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

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		10:30am	**For a Special Intention**

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Feeding the Flock

Happy Saint Patrick's Day! As usual, it falls during the Season of Lent, which can always take the edge off any planned festivities, but it is a great time nonetheless. Celebrating 26 years as a parish. and more than a parish, as a family.

Our parish began with just a few souls who quickly discovered us and a few followed me from my parish mission in Rehoboth, Ma. It was a time of high hopes as we began putting together the pieces of our parish and slowly more and more souls. Today, well off from the numbers we saw about 5 years in, nonetheless have replaced numbers with kind and caring members who understand what it means to be a Catholic in 2026.

I do wish to thank you all for your confidence in me as your pastor and for your presence and support going forward. Our staff right now is small, with both Deacon Noel and Felicia contributing to our weekly liturgies. Saint Patrick's began as an alternative Catholic parish and over the quarter century has effectively kept that same ideal God bless you all as we go forward on our combined journey to eternal life in Christ. 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 defrey parish utilities. We ask your generousity.

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 Maniscalso, 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!

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. It will be a great time.

POT-O-GOLD Raffle The drawing for this split the pot raffle will take place at the party on Sunday. Three prizes, grand prize splits the pot. Tickets only $1.00 Thank you for your support

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.

Easter and Holy Week Schedule
Palm Sunday Masses (March 28-29)
Usual Weekend Schedule

Holy Week (March 39 – April 3)
Monday – Wednesday - Mass at 7pm
Holy Thursday – Mass 7PM
Good Friday –Stations 3pm / Service 7pm
Celebration of Easter (April 4-5)
Easter Vigil at 5pm
Easter Masses
usual Sunday schedule

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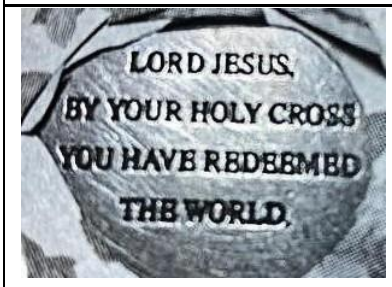

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