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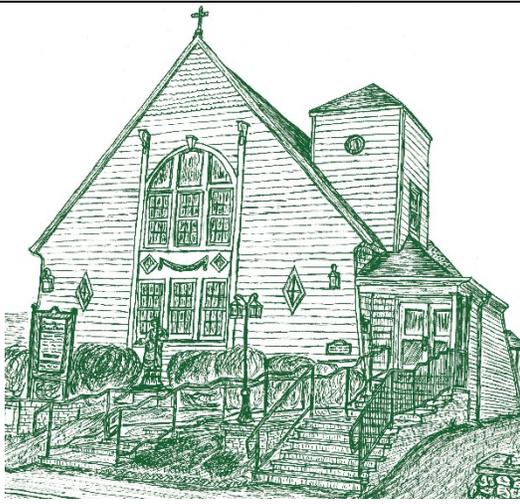
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Love God ♦ Love Neighbor ♦ Make Disciples

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent – March 22, 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

Ezekiel 37:12-14 / Romans 8:8-11 / John 11:1-45

- Often Jesus requires that those he heals participate in some way in their recovery. Last week, we heard Jesus heal the blind man by applying clay to his eyes. But then he instructed the man, still sightless, to make it to the Pool of Siloam to wash his eyes. Perhaps onlookers were able to guide him there. Today, Lazarus, tied hand and foot with burial bands after being dead for four days, is ordered to walk out of the tomb. He then orders onlookers to untie Lazarus. These miracles are not passive operations. Today, when we encounter those who are blind out of ignorance or self-centeredness, or when we recognize those who are entombed by addiction or hardship, Jesus orders us to help free them from the bands that bind them.
- The passage we heard ends on the triumphant line that many people began to believe in the Lord after seeing this miracle. But the very next line reveals a different reaction: “But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done” (John 11:46). Most people see a miracle and react with awe and wonder. But for some, a miracle simply upsets the status quo. They want the blind to stay blind and the dead to stay dead. Someone with the power over blindness and death threatens the little power they are allowed to have. They fear “the Romans will come and take away both our land and our nation” (John 11:48). Our land and our nation, yes, but also our positions of power. “So from that day on they planned to kill him” (John 11:53).
- Death is the subject of each of today’s readings. Ezekiel addresses the death of a great nation, its citizens in exile. Paul speaks of life “in the flesh,” a kind of spiritual death (Romans 8:8). Lazarus has been dead in the tomb for four days. In each case, God brings new life: raising those exiled from their graves and returning them to Israel, sending us the Spirit, who gives life to our mortal bodies, and bringing us forth from the tomb. Our collective sinfulness, our personal sins, and death itself have no power over God. We are called to “come out!” (John 11:43) from our tombs of sin and death and live in the new life of Christ.

Question of the Week

What sins are keeping me entombed, isolated from God’s love and from others?

What can I do to free myself from my tomb?

Next Weekend’s Readings

Isaiah 50:4-7 / Philippians 2:6-11 / Matthew 27: 11-54

Mass Intentions

Sanctuary Light – In Prayer for the Ill of our parish

Sat	March 21	5:00pm	For a Special Intention
Sun	March 22	8:30am	Soul of Elena Coccio
		10:30am	For a Special Intention
During the week: Monday (Soul of William Devine) and Friday (Soul Tom/Leona Brown) at 12 noon ++++++			
Sat	March 28	5:00pm	For a Special Intention
Sun	March 29	8:30am	Soul of Thomas Fiorio, Sr.
		10:30am	For a Special Intention
Mon	March 30	7:00pm	Holy Week Monday
Tues	March 31	7:00pm	Holy Week Tuesday
Wed	April 1	7:00pm	Holy Week Wednesday
Thurs	April 2	7:00pm	Holy Thursday
Fri	April 3	7:00pm	Good Friday (No Mass)

Feeding the Flock

The account of Lazarus being raised from the dead, as narrated in the Gospel of John, serves as a pivotal moment in the narrative of Jesus Christ's life

and ministry. This miraculous event not only demonstrated Christ's divine authority over life and death but also significantly influenced the socio-

political landscape of the time. The raising of Lazarus, who had been entombed for four days, was witnessed by many, leading to a surge of belief among the people. However, it also incited fear and concern among the religious leaders, who perceived this act as a direct challenge to their authority and a potential catalyst for unrest.

In the aftermath of Lazarus's resurrection, the religious authorities convened to discuss the implications of this miracle. They recognized that Jesus's growing popularity could threaten their power and the fragile peace maintained with the Roman authorities. The Sanhedrin, the ruling council of the Jews, feared that if Jesus continued to perform such signs, it could lead to a widespread uprising, prompting Roman intervention that might result in the destruction of their temple and nation. Consequently, they plotted to eliminate Jesus, viewing his influence as a direct threat to their religious and political stability.

Thus, the raising of Lazarus became the immediate catalyst for the events that would lead to Christ's arrest, trial, and eventual crucifixion. The decision to apprehend Jesus was not merely a reaction to his actions but a calculated move by the religious leaders to preserve their status and control. This turning point in the Gospel narrative underscores the profound impact of Jesus's miracles, illustrating how they not only inspired faith among the masses but also provoked fear and hostility among those in power, ultimately setting the stage for the culmination of his earthly mission.

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.

Lenten Devotions 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.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner Our dinner was a wonderful event. While there were many who purchased tickets not in attendance, there was great food for everyone. I wish to thank Geri and Marilyn for spearheading this effort and for all who helped out with prize baskets. We raised \$325 in raffled baskets. Thank you for your support. We all look forward to our Christmas dinner on December 6th

POT-O-GOLD Raffle Our three winners were all members (Marc, Ann and Bob). While we would have raised \$94 "net", all three generously gave back the prizes, enabling us to raise \$338 for the effort. So many thanks for your support!

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 30 – 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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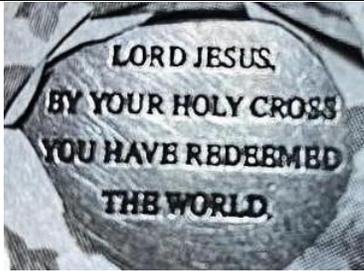
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