



Saint Patrick Catholic Church

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An international Catholic denomination

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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – March 24, 2024

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

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

Isaiah 50:4–7/ Philippians 2:6–11 / Mark 14:1–15:47

- Just a few months ago we celebrated the night that Jesus was born, God's Son becoming part of humanity. Today we hear a horrible account of the inhumanity of nearly everyone around our Lord. One of his closest friends betrays him, another denies him, the rest abandon him, the crowd turns on him, the soldiers torture him, the authorities condemn him, Pilate sentences him. In Mark's Gospel, even both of those crucified with him abuse him. Greed, fear, cowardice, hatred, and cruelty win out over all the virtues Jesus embodied. Jesus was not able to rid the earth of inhumanity. But he gave us a model of how to oppose it, endure it, and conquer it. For in remaining faithful and obedient to the will of the Father, the One revealed today to truly be the Son of God showed humanity the way to truly be human.
- When Jesus was asked what the greatest commandment was, he replied that it was to love God and to love neighbor as yourself. All of the law and the prophets could be summed up in this command: love. For love of God and love of neighbor, Jesus was born into the world, lived out his mission, and died on the cross. Despite the horror of being nailed to a cross and left to die, Jesus accepted it out of love for the Father and love for those he was sent to save. Through his death, he showed us the depth of his love and the value of that love.
- Jesus makes a bold statement about the woman who anoints him with oil just days before he is killed: "Wherever the gospel is proclaimed to the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her" (Mark 14:9). She alone does something loving and merciful for him in the days before his death. Some scoff at her action, regarding it as a waste of precious oil. They say that it was worth nearly a year's wages, a huge sum that could have been given to the poor. Perhaps they have a point. Perhaps her actions were extravagant. But Jesus teaches us that such extravagance for those you love is not a waste at all. After all, if one were to look at the life of the Messiah, ending his life not as the healer of every ill, the benefactor of every beggar, and the victor over every opponent, but on the cross, condemned as a criminal, one would see his life as a waste. What could God have had in mind to send him into the world only to die a condemned man, with the world objectively not any better than it had been? With eyes of faith, we know that his life was not a waste, for he healed our every spirit, paid for our every sin, and won the victory over death. As this woman who lowered herself to enter a leper's home and wasted her entire jar of priceless oil, Jesus emptied himself to enter sinful humanity's home and spent his entire life to give us the priceless gift of eternal life. This is the gospel proclaimed.

Question of the Week

In what ways can I show my love for others in a way that might seem extravagant to observers, but meaningful to them and for me?

Readings for next weekend

Acts 10:34a, 37–43 / Colossians 3:1–4 / John 20:1–9

Mass Intentions

Sanctuary Light – In Prayer for the Ill of our parish

Sat, March 23	5:00pm	For a Special Intention
Sun, March 24	8:30am	Soul of Dawn Troutman
	10:30am	Soul of Roger Durand
Mon, March 25	7:00pm	Good Health of Audrey Sanchez
Tues, March 26	7:00pm	For a Special Intention
Wed, March 27	7:00pm	For a Special Intention
Thur, March 28	7:00pm	Soul of Esther Lepore
Sat, March 30	5:00pm	Soul of Dale Rundlett (Bd)
Sun, March 31	8:30am	Souls of James and Amelia Rourke
	10:30am	Soul of Fr. Peter Scagnelli
Wed, April 3	6:30pm	Soul of Priscilla Kew
Sat, April 6	5:00pm	For a Special Intention
Sun, April 7	8:30am	Souls of Patricia and John DeLauro
	10:30am	For a Special Intention
Wed, March 27	7:00pm	For a Special Intention

Feeding the Flock

This week, after I inquired, I was informed that Bishop Gregory has retired from active ministry effective last week. There was no official announcement. This, I thought, was rather unfortunate. However, we all wish him well and hope that he enjoys his retirement and, who knows, visits us when on vacation in Rhode Island.

On March 15th, an auxiliary bishop was ordained in New York. I have not received anything from him, as he will be connected with our North East Diocese.

At this point, Archbishop Bates will be the bishop with authority over our diocese and to the degree that he decides, Bishop Crompton will assist him with parish work. Again, nothing was officially received from anyone.

I should also announce that two larger parishes have left the communion of the CEC and have decided to accept membership in the Anglican Church of North America. The idea of abandoning Catholic doctrine did not bother them. This I find troubling as well. The main reason why these pastors left was a lack of priests to provide succession when the present pastors retire (one did retire and the other is looking to the future.)

We are entering the most holy time of the church year and I ask your prayers for Bishops Bates, Crompton and Ortiz. Also for these two pastors and their parishes during this time of abandonment of the Catholic faith and acceptance of a Protestant denomination. Fr. Roger

Annual Parish Dinner Thank you to all who joined us as we celebrated 24 years together, building up the Body of Christ. At this time, we have entered our 25th Anniversary year. You will hear further about this as plans are finalized.

March Birthdays God bless you now and in *the year ahead!* Barbara Landy (11), Connie Legacy (20), Bob Legacy (24), Richard Reitman (25) and Jeanne Chatelle (28).

March Special Collection Our once a month special collection for March 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!

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.

Claire M Durand Mem Flower Fund.

This fund is receiving donations with envelopes at the door to keep us in fresh flowers during the summer months. Thank you so much for your kindness and for your support.

Prayer List For prayers for our loved ones: Natalino and Cathy Mizzoni, Mary Masse, Owen Andrews, Jim Gallagher, Bettie Lombard, Rita Miller, Jeanne Chatelle, Mary Beth Goldman, Barbara Horbert, Rebecca Eagen, Carol Zelano, Michael Lofton, Norma Marcello, Mark Garafalo, Michael, Brandon Hall, Jean Brown, Jack Warrener, Sarah, Christopher Durand, Connie Iannuccilli, Michael Longo, Don DiNuccio, Timothy Durand, Lynn Regan and Joan Pagliuca.

Parish Necrology. During the Month of March, we remember our deceased parishioner: Diana Marrocco (19th) and Clara Frio (26th). *Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord!*

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Invite your family and friends to join us for Holy Week and Easter!

Singing at Easter Felicia is looking for any voices to lend a hand during Holy Week and Easter with singing. If you could help, please speak with her.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday Masses at the usual times

Distribution of palms at each Mass

Holy Week Masses

Monday – Wednesday Daily Mass at 7:00

Holy Thursday Mass at 7pm

Good Friday

Way of the Cross at 3pm

Communion Service at 7pm

Celebration of Easter

Easter Vigil at 7pm

Morning Masses at 8:30 and 10:30

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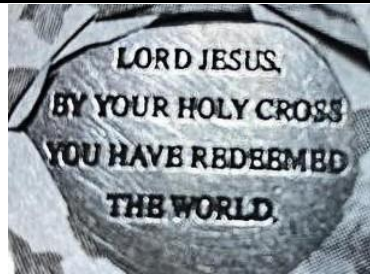
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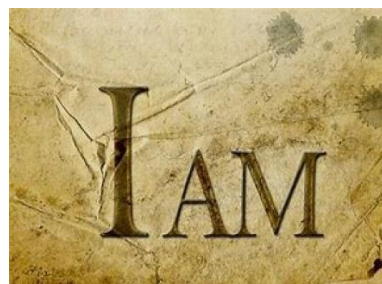
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