



Saint Patrick Catholic Church

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The First Sunday of Lent

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:00 pm

(Sat Mass time changes seasonably)

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

Wednesday Evening Mass

and Novena at 7:00 pm

Perpetual Novena for World Peace

Mass on Holy Days

at 7:00 pm or as announced

Coffee Hour follows both Sunday Masses

Member Parish: ICAB - USA

IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING OUR PARISH

Thank you for visiting with our parish family. *If a first time visitor, welcome. Please know that you are welcome here regardless of where you are visiting from today. I know that those seated nearby will help you to feel right at home.*

Sacramental Concerns: *We celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, and Marriage on an ongoing basis. The Sacrament of Confirmation is conferred yearly on the Feast of Pentecost. Please speak with Father or call us to discuss your individual sacramental needs. Remember that **this church allows the Sacrament of Matrimony for previously married couples***

No collection is taken up. *There is a basket on the offertory table to receive your offerings. If you are visiting, please be generous and if an active parishioner, please remember and honor your stewardship pledge at this Mass.*

Parish Membership. *Registration Cards are available at the entrance to the church. We welcome you to become a member of this growing parish family. Please address any questions to Father Roger.*

Sacramental Communion when joining us for Mass

This parish invites all baptized individuals who believe that Christ is really present in the Eucharist to receive Communion. You are invited regardless of Church affiliation, divorce, remarriage or other consideration. The General Absolution of sin, which occurs at the beginning of Mass, prepares us to receive Christ at Communion.

Budget Envelopes: *If needed, please speak with Father Roger. They are made available as needed to sustaining members.*

Cry Room Area: *We desire that all children be brought to Mass with you regularly. Should a child become difficult, and the situation persist, please excuse yourself to the baptistery area, closing the doors. Portable seating is available in the bathroom area. Once calmed, you are always free to rejoin the congregation in the church nave.*

Pastoral Care: *Please let us know if a parishioner is sick or hospitalized and in need of the Sacraments.*

Sanctuary Light Memorial *The Sanctuary Light is lit this week in remembrance of God's Divine presence among us and in prayer for the soul of Mr. Myrl Brown. Given by Kathy Mancini and Joseph Bruni.*

Mass Intentions *This parish requests your Mass Intentions. We ask only a \$5.00 offering for Masses and are happy to provide a Mass card for your use upon request. Thank you!*

Parish Stewardship

Our parish sustains itself through pledges of financial assistance from its active membership. Once a year, each member is asked to pledge an amount of contribution to the support of the life and ministry of this parish. The amount pledged forms the basis of our annual budget and can be in any amount and frequency the member chooses. 10% of this realized figure is given to support social outreach programs.

Reflected from last week's Offerings

Pledged Offerings Received	Other Offerings
\$987.00	\$48.00

Thank you very much for your continued generosity towards this parish!

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Saturday	(02/20)	5pm	Good Health / Healing Genevieve Gonsalves	by Fr. Durand and Parish
Sunday	(02/21)	8:30	Soul of Irene Lapierre	by Armand Lefebvre and Marie Custer
Sunday	(02/21)	10:30	Soul of John Securo	by Fr. Durand and Parish
Wednesday	(02/24)	7pm	Good Health / Healing Margaret Pitts	by Fr. Durand and Parish
Saturday	(02/27)	5pm	Soul of Bintu Alake Onibudo	by Fr. Durand and Parish

PARISH ACTIVITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Valentine's Day Thanks! *Many thanks to all who participated last weekend making Valentine's Day a "sweet treat" for our parish! The food / desserts and candies were all great and it took me until Tuesday to come off my "sugar rush." Special thanks to the Women's Guild who outdid themselves as usual! It was certainly a great treat before we all settled down into the rigors of Lent.*

Lenten Devotions *During Lent, Stations of the Cross and Benediction are celebrated here on Friday evenings at 7pm. This is an excellent family devotion and means of preparation for the coming Holy Week's commemoration of our Lord's passion and death.*

In addition, please try to attend Mass on Wednesday evenings also. The more we



visit with our friend Jesus, they better we know Him our friendship becomes stronger over time.

10th Anniversary Celebration. *This year, we have a special treat in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. We will enjoy a traditional meal of Corned Beef and Cabbage at **Vesuvio's Restaurant** on Cranston Street following Mass and the blessing of our new statue to St. Patrick with our Diocesan Bishop present. He looks forward to meeting you all.*

This will take place on Sunday, March 14th and reservations for lunch are limited to around 100. Invitations have been mailed and should have been received by now. Please respond quickly to avoid any disappointment in seating. It promises to be a great party.

I have received confirmation that our bishop, Bishop Alberto Morale, OSB and another priest will be driving from Illinois to be with

us as we celebrate our Patronal feast day and our 10th Anniversary. It will be a great time for all of us! Please join us.

Dinner Reservations Invitations were sent out two weeks ago. Please respond soon. It is our hope for a “full house.” for this dinner around the corner from Church. So far, we have 25 attending.

St. Patrick’s Day Raffle You will be receiving tickets to participate in our St. Paddy’s Raffle. This year, there are 4 prizes, a great Luck O’ the Irish basket (in the church hall), two wine baskets and a wonderful hand crocheted Green and Beige blanket (queen sized). We also have tickets available at church as well, 8 for \$5.00, or a dollar each.

The Parish Boutique This Boutique in the lower church will become a permanent fixture in parish life. Items will be created and displayed reflecting the seasonal changes of the year and sales do benefit our parish family.



When you are looking for something special or perhaps a small “thank you” gift, please shop the Boutique first! Thank you for your support and past purchases.

Parish News of Interest to all

Celebrating birthdays! Please extend a word of congratulations to our parishioners celebrating a birthday at this time: Beverly McDonald (02/27). May God bless you and keep you in good health for the year ahead.

Remember the sick and ill! I remind you to please let me know if you are hospitalized. I have visited some of you recently but can only do this if I am aware of the situation.

Please keep this partial list in your prayers: Jeanne Chatelle, Walter Marks, Charles Amadon, Becky Mosca, Valerie Gambuto, Jay Turco, Daren Jennings, Tracy White, Libby Roy, Peggy Lesley,

Mandy Zito, Genevieve Gonsalves, Scott Dauphinee, Peg Pitts, Griffin Schager and Lynne Lewis. These people suffer presently from a variety of ailments and we pray to almighty God for their quick and complete recovery!

We are trying to remember active parishioners with a Mass remembrance as well.

† In Memorium This week, Raheem Onibudo’s mother Bintu Alake Onibudo, passed away in his native Africa. Please keep Raheem in your prayers during this time of sadness.

Anniversary Remembrance Please join me in congratulating Mike and Diana Marrocco on their 3rd wedding anniversary. They will also be renewing their wedding vows at the 10:30 Mass today. God grant them many happy years together.

Parish Registration Over the past several months, many new faces have joined us regularly for Mass and have begun to support the parish both through your presence and financially. Please speak with Fr. Roger about parish membership!

Parish Council Meeting The parish council will meet on Friday, March 5th at 7pm.

The Good News As you leave church today, please take home a complimentary copy of the “Good News” a Rhode Island Christian publication.

Deposit Cans and Bottles We collect and redeem cans and bottles with Massachusetts redemption value. Last year, we \$337.70 through this endeavor and so far this year \$44.05 has been raised. Please place them in a bag and simply drop them off when you attend Mass. Thank you!

Ministers Needed We once again reach out to our congregation for additional Mass Servers, Lectors (readers at Mass) and Eucharistic Ministers (Ministers of the cup at Mass). These roles are vital to our Masses. Please speak with Fr. Roger. If you can lend a hand, it would be greatly appreciated.

