

# St. Patrick's Church

Collinsville, Connecticut

Dedicated 1852

*"It is here that through the strength of Heaven, we teach the Word, Jesus Christ, the Tradition of His Church and celebrate His Divine Mercy."*



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## Easter SUNDAY

April 4, 2021

When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:6-7

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### Holy Day Mass Schedule

Please see bulletin for times.

### Holy Hour & Adoration

Wednesday 7:00 – 8:00pm

### Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 – 4:30pm

### Ministry to the Homebound

If you wish to receive communion, please call the Rectory.

### Baptism

Please call the Rectory.

### Marriage

Please make arrangements at least six months in advance.

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### Rectory Office Hours

Monday - Thursday  
10:00am - 4:00pm  
**Closed Friday**

### Ordinary Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00pm  
Sunday 8:00am & 10:00am  
Mon, Tues, Wed 8:00am





## Scholarship Applications

The Women of St. Patrick's will be presenting scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are active members of St. Patrick's Church and plan to attend an institution of higher education in Fall 2021. These scholarships will be given in memory of the deceased members of St. Patrick's Ladies Guild and Women of St. Patrick's.

Applications are now available on our website and in the back of the Church. Completed applications must be submitted by the **deadline date of Wednesday, April 28, 2021 before 12:00pm** to the Parish Secretary.

*No late applications will be accepted.*

## Word of Life † April 4<sup>th</sup>

"Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, 'God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end' (*Spe salvi* 31)."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"Respect Life Reflection: Christ Our Hope in Every Season of Life" (Citing Pope Benedict XVI, *Spe salvi* © 2007, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.)



## Rooted in Faith, Opening Wide Our Hearts

On Wednesday, April 14, at 7:00pm, The Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford will continue its conference series with *United for a Fair Economy's Race and the Growing Economic Inequality Workshop*, presented by Jeannette Huezo, Executive Director of United for a Fair Economy and Elizabeth Pellerito, Director of the Labor Education Program at the University of Massachusetts.

*United for a Fair Economy's Race and the Growing Economic Inequality Workshop* helps explore how our current economic inequality has been and continues to be shaped by racialized policies and behavior from the past to the contemporary. The workshop focuses on the role of government policies and reveals how critically important it is for us to abolish racial wealth inequality and the society that creates and maintains it. Thus the workshop is a critical education tool that helps workshop participants understand why things are the way they are. The workshop also helps participants develop strategies, campaigns and actions that will help create greater economic equality and racial economic justice.

The Webinar is free; advanced registration is required and available at: [www.catholicsocialjustice.org/open-wide-our-hearts.html](http://www.catholicsocialjustice.org/open-wide-our-hearts.html).

The previous monthly webinars from this series have been recorded and the entire collection can be found at [www.catholicsocialjustice.org/open-wide-ourhearts.html](http://www.catholicsocialjustice.org/open-wide-ourhearts.html).

## Mass Intentions Available



Would you like to honor a special family event, a deceased loved one, or someone you know who needs healing? You can do so with a Mass Intention!

The suggested donation is \$20 for a weekend Mass or \$10 for a weekday Mass.

Please contact the parish office to schedule.

## CONFESSIONS

**Saturdays 4:00pm - 4:30pm**

Come and experience God's mercy and forgiveness! The Sacrament of Confession is held every Saturday from 4:00 - 4:30pm. Please note that there will be no face to face - only behind the screen will be used and you must stand as there will be no kneeler or seats. You must wear a mask unless exempt because of health reasons.

## CONNECTICUT CATHOLIC *Public Affairs* CONFERENCE

### Help Stop State Sponsored Suicide

The Connecticut General Assembly is considering legalizing a form of suicide in our state commonly referred to as "aid-in-dying" or "physician-assisted suicide". The legislation is *House Bill 6425 "An Act Concerning Aid in Dying for Terminally Ill Patients"*.

Modern hospice care and the proper use of pain medications render suicide unnecessary, and we need to be mindful of the threat that a suicide mentality poses to vulnerable people and to people with disabilities.

Many people believe that a physician is deeply involved in this process. This not true. The physician orders the mixture of medications, the patient must then orally consume the deadly cocktail of drugs without assistance. Many times without even a physician or nurse present.

**We should never allow legislators to establish suicide as a solution to medical issues.**

Catholic teaching condemns physician-assisted suicide because it, like murder, involves taking an innocent human life:

*Suicide is always as morally objectionable as murder. The Church's tradition has always rejected it as a gravely evil choice: To concur with the intention of another person to commit suicide and to help in carrying it out through so-called "assisted suicide" means to cooperate in, and at times to be the actual perpetrator of, an injustice which can never be excused, even if it is requested. Saint Augustine writes that "it is never licit to kill another: even if he should wish it." True "compassion" leads to sharing another's pain; it does not kill the person whose suffering we cannot bear. (John Paul II, The Gospel of Life, no. 66).*

### TAKE ACTION:

Go to this website, *read more on the issue* and then sign the petition to stop the legalization of assisted suicide in Connecticut: [www.ctstopsuicide.org](http://www.ctstopsuicide.org)




April 7	Holy Hour / Adoration - 7:00pm in the Church
April 14	Holy Hour / Adoration - 7:00pm in the Church
April 18	In-Person Faith Formation for Grades 5 & 6 - 9:00 - 9:50am in the Hall
April 21	Holy Hour / Adoration - 7:00pm in the Church
April 25	In-Person Faith Formation for Grades 7 & 8 - 9:00 - 9:50am in the Hall

## EASTER



**Just a Friendly Reminder...**

- Your offertory donations can be made online by clicking the link on our website or by visiting: <https://osvhub.com/sp4c/funds>.





*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

**"Christ is Risen!"** The world turns on this fundamental truth that changes everything and that explains who we are and where we are headed: "Christ, yesterday, today and forever!" On Easter Sunday the Church exults in the joyful proclamation that He is truly risen from the dead. God gave His Son to be the sacrifice that takes away our sins, and has raised Him up as the victor over sin and death, so together we cry out: **Alleluia!**

The first words of the Risen Lord to his terrified and downcast disciples were: "Peace be with you." (Luke 24:36) Their first thought was that the ghost of the one they had abandoned at his Passion had returned for retribution. Far from it! On the Cross Jesus had said of all those involved: "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34) Christ died for the forgiveness of sins, including yours and mine, because "God so loved the world."

Over the past year we have dealt with a worldwide pandemic. Many have felt isolated, helpless, and at times have fallen into discouragement and even despair, but today on this Easter Sunday we have cause to **Rejoice** for Christ is Risen from the dead ... He has conquered every illness and even death itself. In a world filled with doubts and darkness, where bitter division appears to be getting the best of us, where, out of indifference to faith and worship, so many people are faced with inner spiritual and moral destitution, we have a duty to proclaim from the rooftops: **"Christ is Risen."** He alone is the answer to the deepest longings of the human heart. He is the only Way, the only Truth and the only Life. As he told us: "No one comes to the Father except through me."

Our mission in 2021 and always is to make the Gospel credible to others by loving God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves, inspired by the countless acts of selfless service we have witnessed this past year from our health workers, neighbors, families, friends and clergy. In times like these people of faith and character really shine. If we take to heart the renewal of our baptismal promises at Easter and partake of the Holy Eucharist worthily, then we will do the same.

The Easter candle is lit as a symbol of the Risen Christ. Our light has dawned inextinguishable and hope is restored. Just as it was for the disciples, today we too are reborn as we celebrate **"Christ has Risen!!"**

May the Risen Lord be with you always and grant you the peace and joy that only He can give.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ Leonard P. Blair*

**Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair  
Archbishop of Hartford**

