

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."

Serving the communities of Avon, Burlington, Canton, Collinsville and St. Thérèse, Lilavois, Haiti



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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*"Every valley shall be filled
and every mountain and hill shall be made low.
The winding roads shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."
- Lk 3:5-6*

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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

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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday.....Dec 4 5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick's
 Sunday..... Dec 5 8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's
 10:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's
 MondayDec 6 8:00 am Krystine Kozakowicz
requested by Family
 TuesdayDec 7 8:00 am Robert Reid as requested by
Jane Lamberty
 WednesdayDec 8 8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's
 7:00 pm Parishioner of St Patrick's
 Thursday..... Dec 9 No Mass
 Friday..... Dec 10 No Mass
 Saturday..... Dec 11 5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick's
 Sunday Dec 12 8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's
 10:00 am John & Mary Krudwig by the
Family

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week of 11/15/21 to 11/21/21

Weekly Collections Total (Envelopes & Cash): \$4,736.00
 Weekly Collections Total (Online Giving): \$1,156.00
 Grand Total Collection \$5,892.00
 Catholic Campaign for Human Development \$ 980.00

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of our St. Patrick's parish family.



Be sure to visit the Gingerbread Fair this weekend!!!

Sat 12/4 10:00am—5:00pm
 Sun 12/5 8:00 am—12:00 am

St. Patrick's Giving Tree

The Human Needs Committee is once again helping those in our community provide Christmas gifts to their families. This year we will be accepting gifts as well as gift cards. Please stop by the Giving Tree and take a tag or provide a gift card. The gift cards will be given to the families so they are able share in the joy of shopping for their loved ones.

Who are we helping:
 6 Families which include 6 adults, 9 children and 4 teenagers for a total of 19 people

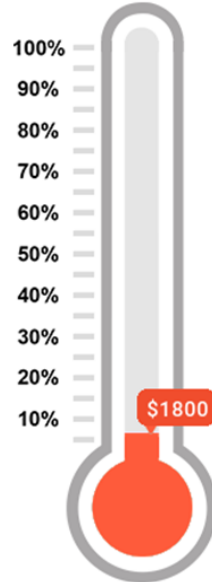
Where to bring gifts and gift cards:
 Put your wrapped gift in the bin near the Giving Tree and there will be a collection box for the gift cards in the church and a collection box on the porch of the rectory.
 We would like to have collected all donations by:
December 12th

Target, Wal-Mart, CVS, Walgreens, Ocean State Job Lot, Grocery (Shop-Rite, Stop & Shop, ALDI, etc.)'

Questions call : Terry St Gelais 860-693-2883

Goal: \$35000

2021 ANNUAL PASTOR'S APPEAL



By now many of you have received letters in the mail from Fr. Collins.

If you did not receive a letter, please take a copy from the usher's desk.

We hope you will prayerfully consider participating in this Appeal and help us fill this cross to our goal of \$35,000.

Thank You!

A New Ministry is Here!!!



St Patrick's Youth Ministry Team Confirmation Program

It's comprised of the Confirmation Program and Legacy Youth Program

Brian Curran & Sandy Micari will lead the Confirmation Program and Wendy & Mike Gacek will lead the Legacy Youth Program.

Special thanks to all for stepping up to lead this ministry!!

Save the Date !!



Thursday, December 23 7:00 PM
 Third Annual St Patrick's Christmas Music Concert

An evening of Peace, Joy and Hopeful Anticipation



HOLY FAMILY
PASSIONIST
RETREAT CENTER

Save the Date
Men's Retreat at Holy Family Retreat Center.

Men's Retreat Jan 14-16, 2022 Theme: In The Spirit Of Trust

Registration forms for the Men's Retreat are available in the church entrances or you may register on line at Holyfamilyretreat.org

Need more information? Want to attend your first retreat cost free?

Contact: Moe Poirier 860 693-4692.
Tom Turick 860-605-9092.
Dave Humbarger: 860-693-8727 X 303

Children's CHRISTMAS CHOIR Rehearsals

The Children's Christmas Choir will start rehearsing on Sunday, December 5, immediately following the 10:00am Mass. Rehearsals end at 12:00pm. Please contact our Music Director, Chris Casey, with any questions.



Congratulations to:

Douglas & Melissa Wagner & family

Lillian Vail was baptized at

St. Patrick's on November 28

Word of Life † Dec 5th

"Jesus calls each of us to 'care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible' (EV 87). ...The encyclical *The Gospel of Life* recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. Particular emphasis, however, is placed on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the 'least of these' in our world's estimation."

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USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
respectlife.org/live-the-gospel-of-life



Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin
Mary

Monday, December 8th, is the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass will be held at 8:00 am & 7:00 pm

MESSAGE FROM FR. COLLINS

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Advent themes of preparation, longing, and hope, which our liturgical readings, songs, and prayers reflect during this period, urge us to be attentive to the graces of the present moment. Therefore, as we anticipate the ultimate fulfillment of all our hopes and longings in Christ, the Lord invites us in the here and now to cooperate with his grace in our lives. For with the eyes of our faith fixed on Christ, we have the strength and motivation we need to face the daily ups and downs of life.

In this weekend's gospel reading from Luke 3:1-6, John the Baptist proclaimed the message of *preparation*. John's invitation in the gospel is a call for us to smoothen *the rough edges* in our lives that prevents us from living fully for Christ. As we navigate through this busy time of the year, let us be attentive to the true preparations we need to make to receive Christ fully in our lives. So, amid all the distractions and demands of the present moment, let us always be mindful that making room for Christ in our lives and allowing the light of his presence to guide us is the goal of the season. Let us not allow any worldly *mountains of distraction* to rob us of the graces of the season.

To help us in our spiritual preparations to celebrate Christmas more fruitfully, we will have an Advent Day of Prayer, Adoration, and Reconciliation on Wednesday, December 15th, 2021. The day will begin with the 8. am mass. Towards the end of the mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and placed on the altar throughout the day. A sign-up sheet is placed at the main entrance of the church for people to sign on to ensure we have someone in the church throughout the day. Everyone in our parish is challenged to make out time to spend with the Lord in the Holy Eucharist in our church, especially on that day. At 7 pm that day, there will be an opportunity for celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confessions. Some priests will be invited to assist in celebrating individual confessions. After individual confessions, we will conclude the day with prayers and benediction. We don't want anyone to be left out. Let's all plan to take advantage of the special opportunity to adore the Lord in the Holy Eucharist, celebrate the Sacrament of Confession, and be filled with his divine blessings.

God's peace and joy to all of you this season and always.

In Christ,



Dec 4	Gingerbread Fair 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Parish Hall
Dec 5	Gingerbread Fair 8:00 am - 12:00 pm Parish Hall
Dec 6	Children's Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm in the church
Dec 6	Human Needs Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Zoom format
Dec 7	Parish Council Meeting 6:30 pm Parish Hall
Dec 8	Holy Day —The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8:00 am & 7:00 pm Mass
Dec 12	In -Person Faith Formation classes for grades First, Third, Fourth & First Communion is 8:55 am to 9:55am in the Parish Hall
Dec 13	Children's Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm in the church
Dec 19	In -Person Faith Formation classes for grades Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth & First Commu- nion with parents is 8:55 am to 9:55am in the Parish Hall

Thank You !

HUMAN NEEDS COAT DRIVE 2021

The Human Needs Committee again asked for monetary donations this year rather than the usual request for clothing. The parish responded in a big way with donations totaling \$1,150.00 which was used to purchase new winter clothes. People also donated new clothing item that they purchase themselves. We were able to supply 40 coats, 37 pairs of gloves or mittens, 30 hats, 67 pairs of sock, 8 scarves and 6 pairs of slippers to families in Hartford. Your generosity will help keep many people warm this winter. THANK YOU!

Thank You: Campaign for Human Development

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Please visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on "How to Give" on the left.

Modification of Safety Practices Regarding COVID -19

For those who are fully vaccinated, wearing masks is optional while at Mass in our church. While we encourage everyone to get fully vaccinated; those who are not yet vaccinated, should continue to wear masks.