# 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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SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2022

## 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me."
Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written:
You shall worship the Lord, your God,
and him alone shall you serve."
- Lk 4:6a, 7-8

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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

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| **Saturday……March 5** | **5:00 pm** | Parishioner's of St Patrick's |
| **Sunday……March 6** | **8 :00 am** | Jean A. Lamothe as requested by Robert Lamothe |
| | **10:00 am** | Parishioner's of St Patrick's |
| **Monday ……March 7** | **8 :00 am** | Parishioner's of St Patrick's |
| **Tuesday ……March 8** | **8 :00 am** | Parishioner's of St Patrick's |
| **Wednesday……March 9** | **8 :00 am** | Parishioner's of St Patrick's |
| **Thursday…… March 10** | **8 :00 am** | No Mass |
| **Friday…… March 11** | **8:00 am** | No Mass |
| | **7:00 pm** | Stations of the Cross |
| **Saturday …… March 12** | **5:00 pm** | Daniel Solanet as requested by Miriam Ahern |
| **Sunday …… March 13** | **8:00 am** | Parishioner's of St Patrick's |
| | **10:00 am** | Parishioner's of St Patrick's |

# Parish Support

**Week of 2 /24/22 to 3/2/22**

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| Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): | $3,295.00 |
| Weekly Collection (Online Giving): | $1,711.00 |
| Weekly Collections Total (Env.& Cash & Online): | $5,006.00 |

**Monthly–**

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| Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) | $ 185.00 |
| Monthly Collection ( Online Giving) | $ 216.00 |
| Monthly Collection Total | **$ 401.00** |
| ***Grand Total:*** | ***$ 5,407.00*** |

***Thank you for your generosity and continued support of our St Patrick's Parish Family***

## Notes from the Human Needs Committee

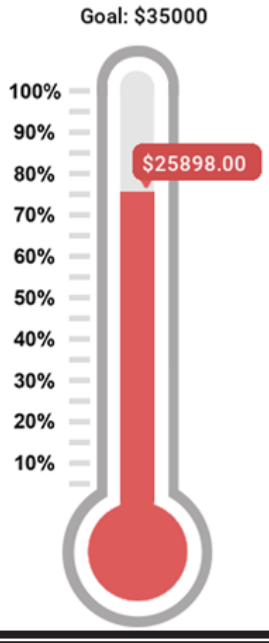
Throughout Lent parishioners of St. Patrick have the opportunity to practice the Corporal Works of Mercy. Be sure to stop by the display at the entrance to the church to see what you can do.

## Feed the Hungry

According to Feeding America, more than 490,000 Connecticut residents struggle with hunger and more than 131,000 children are insecure.

Please consider contributing to the Canton Food Bank either with food or monetary donations. Visit the works of mercy display at the entrance to the church to get a list of suggested food items. A bin is set up to drop off food or place your donation. Checks should be made out to St Patrick church. Be sure to write "food bank" on the memo line or envelope.

We might feel powerless to fight the evil around the world, but through small acts of kindness we can touch the lives of those in our community.




## 2021 ANNUAL PASTOR'S APPEAL

As of 03/02 /22, we have raised $**25,898.00** towards our goal of $35,000.

***Thank you to those who have already contributed!***

If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider making a donation to the Pastor's Appeal. Donations of any amount are appreciated and will go towards making up for the payment of repairing the church tower that we did this past summer

*Thank You!*

**Women of St Patrick**
**Scholarship Applications Now Available**

Applications for the WSP Memorial Scholarship are now available in the vestibule of the church.
The WSP will be presenting scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are active members in St Patrick Parish and plan to attend an institution of higher education in the Fall 2022. The scholarships are given in memory of the deceased members of the WSP and Ladies Guild.

Completed scholarship applications are due by APRIL 27 , 2022 at 12 noon! Completed application may be submitted anytime before April 27, 2022 and are to be placed in the locked box labeled" WSP Scholarship " located in the vestibule of the church. The church is open during mass times on Saturday and Sunday. Access to the vestibule during the week is through the rectory side door of the church between 9am to 3:30 pm on Monday through Thursday. NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!

## DAILY REFLECTION

**Temptation is Real, and Painful**

***First Sunday of Lent (Year C)***

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. Luke 4:1–2a

What a painful experience for Jesus. If you really think about this, it can be difficult to understand…at least at first.

Jesus, the Son of God, the Messiah, the Creator of the Universe, the great I AM, the second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, is in the desert, suffering for forty days while He is tempted by the devil and living among the wild beasts. Why in the world would He do this and why would God the Father allow it to happen? And what's more, it says that it was actually the Holy Spirit who drove Jesus into the desert to experience this painful 40 days!

Perhaps we rarely reflect upon all that Jesus endured and all that He suffered in His human life. Sure, we think about the Crucifixion at times, but even that is often overshadowed by our knowledge that He rose. It's easy to miss the suffering He experienced throughout His life. And it's easy to miss the reason He went through all that He did go through in His humanity.

So what's it all about? It's about love for us all. It's about God loving us so much that He was willing to endure every form of hardship and human suffering that enters into our lives. It's about God being able to look us square in the face and say, "Yes, I do understand what you're going through…I really do." This is love. It's a love so deep that God Himself was willing to experience our weaknesses and pain so that He would be able to meet us there, console us in the midst of whatever we are going through, and gently lift us out of it to the new life He has in store for us. Again, this is Love!

The Spirit "led" (Matthew's and Luke's versions) and even "drove" (Mark's version) Jesus out into the desert. This was a way of telling us that this experience was the plan and will of God. It wasn't something imposed upon Jesus by some strange happenstance. It wasn't bad luck or an unfortunate and meaningless human suffering. No, it was suffering for a purpose. Suffering with an intention. And the intention was, in part, to experience and embrace all that we experience and must embrace.

Temptation in life is real. It's the result of our fallen human nature. It comes from our weakness but also from the evil one. Temptation can be a heavy burden and cause heavy emotional and psychological pain. And when the temptation is given in to, it causes an even deeper spiritual pain. Jesus never gave in to the temptations in the desert, nor did He give in to temptations at any other time in His life. But He endured them and suffered them.

This tells us that He can be our strength and inspiration in the midst of whatever we are tempted with each and every day. Some days we may feel the loneliness and isolation of one who is driven into the desert of our sins.

We may feel as though the wild beasts of our disordered passions are getting the best of us. We may feel as though the evil one is having his way with us. Well, Jesus felt this way, also. And He freely allowed Himself to experience this in His humanity. It was the will of the Father and the working of the Holy Spirit that drove Him to this experience.

For these reasons, it is Jesus Himself who is able to meet you in this desert within. He is there, waiting for you, looking for you, calling to you. He is there in the midst of anything and everything you may be going through. And it is He, the One who defeated this desert temptation, who will gently guide you out. He went to the desert to meet you and to bring you back. And just as the angels ministered to Jesus in this desert, so also does He send those angels to minister to you.

So whether your "desert" is only a slight agitation in life right now, or if it's a struggle against complete despair, Jesus wants to meet you and bring you out. He conquered the desert once and for all, and He is able to conquer any desert in your life, also.

*Lord, I acknowledge Your perfect love for me. I believe that You love me enough to endure all suffering, to understand all suffering, and to bring me out of my own interior dryness and pain. May I let you be driven into the desert of my own soul; and there, as I encounter You, may I allow You to lead me to the cool and refreshing waters. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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## ***STRONGER TOGETHER***

The 2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish. Our goal is to engage our entire parish family in this year's Appeal and to pray for the success of the Appeal, both here in our parish and across the three countries of the Archdiocese. We hope you can help us meet our parish goal. If you would like to make a gift, please mail in your pledge card. You may also visit the Archdiocesan website at https;// archdioceseofhartford.org or call the Appeal office at (800) 781-2550. Keep in mind that an early pledge will allow you to best use the monthly payment plan.

***Please respond generously.***

# March

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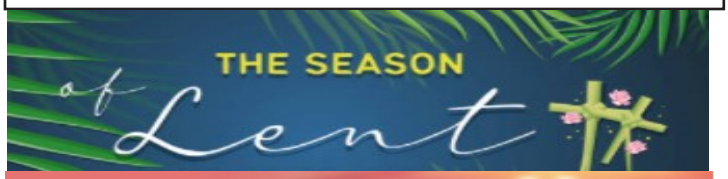
| March 6 | First, Third & Fourth grade in person<br>Legacy-Parish Hall 5:30-7:30pm |
| March 9 | Holy Hour of Adoration-7:00pm |
| March 11 | Stations of the Cross-7:00pm |

**2021 Year End Tax Statements**

Due to administrative costs, printed tax statements will be available by request only. Please allow 7-10 business days for processing. If you would like your statement emailed, please email the Administrative Assistant at aa@sp4c.org. ls please as to avoid spelling errors.



**Regular Bulletin Deadline — Tuesdays, 12 pm**

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## 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.

## New Member Registration /Change of Registration

If you are new to the Parish, or have a new address, email or phone number, please complete this form and drop it in the collection basket.

It may also be mailed to:

St Patrick Church, 50 Church St, Collinsville, CT 06019

Name(s)_____

Street_____

City_____Zip_____

Phone(s)_____

Email_____

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