

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 20, 2022

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" - Lk 13:2-3

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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.....March 19 5:00 pm Parishioner's of St Patrick's
 Sunday.....March 20 8:00 am Parishioner's of St Patrick's
 10:00 am Parishioner's of St Patrick's
 MondayMarch 21 8:00 am Parishioner's of St Patrick's
 TuesdayMarch 22 8:00 am Parishioner's of St Patrick's
 Wednesday.....March 23 8:00 am William Tully as requested
 by Jane Lamberty
 Thursday..... March 24 8:00 am No Mass
 Friday..... March 25 8:00 am No Mass
 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
 Saturday March 26 5:00 pm Parishioner's of St Patrick's
 Sunday March 27 8:00 am Parishioner's of St Patrick's
 10:00 am Parishioner's of St Patrick's



Notes from the Human Needs Committee

Shelter the Homeless

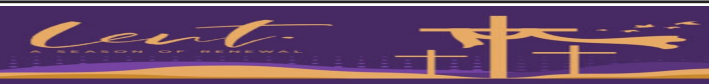
Over half a million people are homeless in the United States. They often struggle with mental illness, substance abuse, domestic violence, and previous incarceration. A lack of connection to the church and community increases the risk of homelessness.

In alignment with the Corporal Work of Mercy, Shelter The Homeless, this April the youth group will be participating in a 30 HOUR FAST. The teens will experience walking in the shoes of someone homeless. Please consider sponsoring a youth or donating to our mission. The money will be donated directly to Hands on Hartford, a nonprofit that services the local homeless. We are also collecting toiletries to be made into outreach bags. Together with your generosity you are supporting our youth and making a difference in the lives of this vulnerable population. More information can be found in the entrance of the church.



Thank you!

Support your parish with online donations and no longer worry about envelopes. Visit <https://www.sp4c.org> and click Giving then Getting Started with Online



Parish Support

Week of 3/10/22 to 3/16/22

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$3,441.47
 Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$1640.00
Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$5,081.47

Facilities- \$ 283.00

Monthly-

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ 195.00
 Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$ 155.00

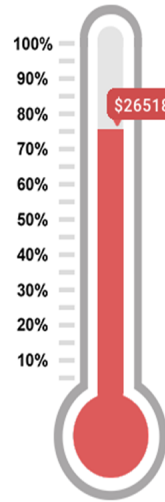
Monthly Collection Total \$ 350.00

Grand Total: \$ 5,714.47

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

Goal: \$35000

2021 ANNUAL PASTOR'S APPEAL



As of 03/14/22, we have raised **\$26,518.00** 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!



WEEKLY REFLECTION

Exhausting the "Soil" of Mercy

Third Sunday of Lent (Year C)

"Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down." Luke 13:8-9

Every gardener knows that good fruit is, in part, dependent upon the presence of good soil. But other factors are also important in the production of good fruit. The plant must be free of disease, receive water and sun, be planted in a warm environment, be properly pruned, and have enough space to grow. When all factors are present, good fruit is guaranteed.

So it is with our lives. The soil in which we are to be planted is the mercy of God. And this soil is the richest soil attainable for the production of the virtues in our lives. God also produces the sun, the rain, and the warmth that is needed for our growth. But, analogously speaking, we must allow ourselves to be pruned. We must also allow the soil to be fertilized and cultivated in a variety of ways. Though Jesus is the Gardener of our lives, it's also fair to say that we are the gardeners in the sense that we must cooperate with our Lord, relying upon the supernatural resources of the Creator to ensure the healthy growth of our spiritual lives so that the good fruit of virtue may be born in our lives.

This passage above is the conclusion to the Parable of the Fig Tree. Just prior to this passage, the owner of the vineyard, God the Father, ordered that the barren fig tree be cut down so that it will no longer exhaust the soil. But our merciful Lord, sent on mission from the Father to till the soil of our lives, seeks to offer one more chance and the Father obliges out of love. This life is that "year" by which our Lord works fervently to cultivate the soil around us. We must cooperate through daily prayer, fidelity to His commands, acts of loving sacrifice and surrender to His providence.

In the end, if we allow our Lord to do all He desires, our lives will bear good fruit.

But on the flip side, make no mistake about the fact that, if our lives do not bear good fruit, we will be "cut down." Bearing good fruit is not an option, it's a must. It's a clear indication of our spiritual health and it will become the measure of our eternal reward or eternal death. Do not be intimidated by such sharp language coming from our Lord. He spoke it in love so that we will know the serious duty we have to bear good fruit in our lives.

Reflect, today, upon the outward signs of your inward spiritual health. Do you see the virtues sprouting forth from your life? Are you aware of the work God desires to do in your soul so as to cultivate it and fertilize it with grace and mercy? Say "Yes" to Him this day and allow that grace to produce an abundance of good fruit.

My virtuous Lord, I invite You into my soul to cultivate it and fertilize it with Your grace. Please prune my sins and help me to sink my roots deeply into the nourishment of Your mercy. I am sorry for the ways that I have failed to bear fruit in my life. I now entrust myself to You so that Your care will remedy all my ills and weaknesses. Jesus, I trust in You.

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STRONGER TOGETHER

It is important that when you give to any charitable organization, you are confident that the funds received are being used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports the ministries and programs indicated in the 2022 Appeal literature. Please visit the Appeal website at www.archdioceseofhartford.org to learn more and make your gift today.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, with can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal>.

March

March 19	Virtual -fifth & sixth grade- 8:30am
March 20	In person -first, third, forth, seventh & eighth
March 23	Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration - 7:00PM
March 23	Stations of the Cross - 700 PM

Mass Intentions Available

You may 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.

**REJOICE
AND RESOLVE
TO SIN NO MORE!**



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 _____

New Registration Change of Information Request Envelopes