

# 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 27, 2022

## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'"  
- Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

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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

### Baptism

Please call the Rectory

### Marriage

Please make arrangements at least six months in advance.

### 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.

# Mass Intentions


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  
 Monday .....March 28 8:00 am Parishioner's of St Patrick's  
 Tuesday .....March 29 8:00 am Parishioner's of St Patrick's  
 Wednesday.....March 30 8:00 am Parishioner's of St Patrick's  
 Thursday..... March 31 8:00 am No Mass  
 Friday..... April 1 8:00 am No Mass  
 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
 Saturday ..... April 2 5:00 pm Parishioner's of St Patrick's  
 Sunday ..... April 3 8:00 am Parishioner's of St Patrick's  
 10:00 am Alice Horton as requested by  
a friend

## Parish Support

**Week of 3/17/22 to 3/23/22**

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash):	\$3,988.00
Weekly Collection (Online Giving):	\$ 965.00
<b>Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online):</b>	<b>\$4,953.00</b>
<b>Facilities-</b>	\$ 165.00
<b>Monthly- N/A</b>	
Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash)	\$
Monthly Collection ( Online Giving)	\$
<b>Monthly Collection Total</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$ 5,118.00</b>

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



### Notes from the Human Needs Committee

#### Bury The Dead

We are called to treat the dead with dignity. This includes bearing witness to their lives by attending wakes and funerals whenever possible; support ministries that offer free Christian burials for those unable to afford one; pray for the living and the dead, members of the one body of Christ, and especially for those who have no one else to pray for them; support those who are grieving throughout the long process of struggling to bury their dead emotionally.

All are invited to participate in the clean-up and beautification of our Calvary Cemetery, on Saturday April 2. from 9:00 am to noon

Please contact Barbara Scheideler if interested in joining us on April 2. Her email address is [bscheideler@gmail.com](mailto:bscheideler@gmail.com)

Thank you !

### 2021 ANNUAL PASTOR'S APPEAL


As of 03/23/22, we have raised **\$26,918.00** 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!

### EASTER YOUTH CHOIR



Rehearsals for our Easter Youth Choir will begin on Sunday, March 27th, after the 10:00am Mass. This group sings for the 10:00am Easter Sunday Mass.

Rehearsals run from 11:00 am to 12 noon. Anyone who is interested should contact our Music Director Chris Casey at [keysacasey@aol.com](mailto:keysacasey@aol.com) or call 860-904-8138

(or just show up after the 10:00 mass on March 27th)

Thank you



Please join us in welcoming the following newly registered parishioners to St Patrick's Parish:

Chrissa Caramia  
Bridget Dunn & Family



## WEEKLY REFLECTION

### Coming to Your Senses

*Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year C)*

Coming to his senses he thought, "How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers.'" Luke 15:17-19

Why do we cling to our sins? This passage comes from the story of the Prodigal Son. We should know that story well. The son decided to leave his father and take his future inheritance, spending it on a life of sin. When the money he had ran out, he was in desperate need. So what did he do? He came to his senses!

This line alone is worth our meditation. First, it reveals what happens to a person who falls into a life of sin. In this case, the son eventually reaped the fruit of his sin. He found that his sin left him destitute and alone. He didn't know where to turn. And though our sins may not be to the extent of this son, we will all experience the empty effects of the sins we commit, just as this son did.

The profound insight we can gain from this son is that he did come around. Specifically, by "coming to his senses" he recognized two important things. First, he realized that he is worth more than a life of destitution. No one should have to live an impoverished and empty life. Therefore, by seeing his own dignity he came to realize that he was made for more.

Secondly, he knew he could turn to his father. What a blessing it was for him to know this. The reason he knew he could turn to his father was that his father clearly loved him with unconditional love.

The mercy in the heart of the father was so strong that the son was aware of it and this awareness gave him confidence to turn to him.

Reflect, today, upon this twofold action. The son sees his misery and also sees his father as the person to whom he can confidently turn. We must strive to do the same in our own lives. The Father in Heaven will never reject us. No matter what we have done or how far we have turned away, the Father's love is perfect, relentless, unconditional and always inviting. He is ready and willing to dismiss every wrong we have done if we only turn to Him in confidence. Come to your senses in regard to your sins! Let go of them, repent and trust in the mercy of God.

*Lord of perfect love, my sins do leave me dry and empty inside. I see the misery and pain that result from the sinful choices I have made. Help me, dear Lord, to come to my senses and to turn from every sin I commit. Help me to see that Your mercy is far greater than anything I have done. I thank You for Your perfect love and turn to You in my need. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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### 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!**



March 27	Faith Formation in person classes for grades Fifth & Sixth , Seventh , Eighth and First Communion 8:55 am—9:55 am
March 30	Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration - 7:00PM



April 1	Stations of the Cross - 7:00 pm
April 3	Faith Formation in Fourth and First Communion with parents 8:55 am—9:55 am
April 4	Human Needs Committee Meeting - Zoom 7:00 pm
April 5	Parish Council Meeting in Parish Hall - 6:30 am
April 6	Lenten Day of Prayer and Adoration -9:00 am Prayer and Worship at 7:00 am
April 12	WSP meeting in Parish Hall 6:30 pm

**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