

# 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, APRIL 3, 2022

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



Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." - Jn 8:6b-7

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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

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| Saturday.....April 2   | 5:00 pm <u>Healing Mass for Mike &amp; Sharon Sinacori as requested by a friend</u>  |
| Sunday.....April 3     | 8:00 am <u>Parishioner's of St Patrick's</u><br>10:00 am <u>Alice Horton as requested by a friend</u>  |
| Monday .....April 4    | 8:00 am <u>Healing Mass for Mike &amp; Sharon Sinacori as requested by a friend</u>  |
| Tuesday .....April 5   | 8:00 am <u>Parishioner's of St Patrick's</u>   |
| Wednesday.....April 6  | 8:00 am <u>Alice Horton as requested by a friend</u>   |
| Thursday ..... April 7 | 8:00 am <u>No Mass</u>   |
| Friday..... April 8    | 8:00 am <u>No Mass</u><br>7:00 pm <u>Stations of the Cross</u>   |
| Saturday ..... April 9 | 5:00 pm <u>Parishioner's of St Patrick's</u>   |
| Sunday ..... April 10  | 8:00 am <u>Parishioner's of St Patrick's</u><br>10:00 am <u>Healing Mass for Mike &amp; Sharon Sinacori as requested by Jeanne &amp; Gideon Banville</u> |

## Parish Support

### Week of 3/24/22 to 3/30/22

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| Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash):              | \$3,398.00        |
| Weekly Collection (Online Giving):                  | \$1,688.00        |
| <u>Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online):</u> | <b>\$5,086.00</b> |

**Facilities-** \$ 145.00

### Monthly- Catholic Relief Services

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| Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) | \$ 740.00 |
| Monthly Collection ( Online Giving)   | \$ 0.00   |

**Monthly Collection Total** \$ 740.00

**Grand Total:** \$ 5,971.00

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



## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### Palm Sunday Weekend ~ April 9th/10th

Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00pm  
Sunday Masses at 8:00am & 10:00am

### Holy Thursday ~ April 14

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm  
Holy Hour follows immediately after 7:00pm Mass

### Good Friday ~ April 15

Liturgy at 3:00pm  
Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm

### Holy Saturday ~ April 16

Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00pm

### Easter Sunday ~ April 17

Masses at 8:00am & 10:00am

**PLEASE NOTE:** We will NOT have our regular weekly Holy Hour/Adoration on Wednesday, April 13th  
(see Holy Thursday schedule)



### Notes from the Human Needs Committee

#### **Clothe the Naked**

*"And he would answer and say to them, "The man who has two tunics is to share with him who has none; and he who has food is to do likewise." Luke 3:11*

Having seasonally appropriate clothing to protect our bodies and keep us comfortable is a necessity. In fact during the cold months, warm clothing is essential. Beyond appearance, clothing plays a role in a person's self-esteem and comfort. We may not give much thought to things such as socks, yet they are the items most frequently requested by homeless shelters. They are needed by all - men, women and children.

This Lent, we can show mercy and love by providing socks to our neighbors in need. A bin is available to collect donations of new socks, which will be donated to shelters. This is a small act of kindness and love that can have a true impact.



### EASTER YOUTH CHOIR

Rehearsals for our Easter Youth Choir will begin on Sunday, March 27th, after the 10:00am Mass. This groups 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 [keycasey@aol.com](mailto:keycasey@aol.com) or call 860-904-8138



### **Women of St Patrick's April Meeting** **Tuesday- April 12, 2022 - Parish Hall - 6:30 pm**

The WSP will resume their monthly meetings starting in April. There will be a business meeting followed by light refreshments and a social hour. Please plan on attending this very informative meeting as the WSP review the past months and plans for the upcoming year.

This is a great opportunity to catch up with your WSP friends and meet other women in the parish!!  
*All women of the parish are welcome!! Bring a friend!!*



## MESSAGE FROM FR. COLLINS

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are gradually entering the last days of the Lenten season that will lead us into the Holy Week, during which we will celebrate the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. As we approach the final phase of the Lenten period this year, we must ponder how the season's journey has been for us so far. Are we allowing the season to slip by us? Or are we engaged with the season's spirit in our preparation for Easter? Opportunities remain for us to recalibrate and make adjustments to allow us space for a richer spiritual experience in these final days of Lent.

In the gospel this weekend from **John 8:1-11**, Jesus offers hope, healing, and redemption to the woman who stood condemned and defenseless before her attackers (Scribes and Pharisees) who were determined to *stone her to death*. For those who brought the woman to Jesus, she was unworthy to be saved, but for Jesus, the woman needed salvation. As the woman stood before him, Jesus saw her vulnerability and separated her humanness from the sin that she was accused of committing. Strongly accentuating her humanness, Jesus called her "woman," which became an invitation for her to rediscover herself and seek a more profound encounter with him.

We act like the Scribes and Pharisees in the gospel when we use the *tools of guilt-tripping, public shaming, direct attacks, open embarrassments, denial of support, love-starving, condemnation, judgment*, etc. against others, especially against those who are in vulnerable positions. Using these tools against others, especially against those struggling to manage their limitations, have personal, relational, and spiritual repercussions for all, including ourselves.

Focusing on others' faults makes it difficult for us to recognize our needs; it also prevents us from seeing the humanity in others as Jesus did with the woman in the gospel. When we overly concentrate on the shortcomings and weaknesses of others, we risk missing opportunities for our personal growth and spiritual development.

We all need a constant encounter with Jesus through prayer, which helps to transform us into the *image of Christ* in our relationships and our community. As a parish family of St. Patrick's, we have designated **Wednesday, April 6th** as a special Lenten Day of Prayer, Worship, and Adoration. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar towards the end of the 8:00 am mass. The church will remain open as the Blessed Sacrament will be on the altar for 12 hours for personal prayers and adoration throughout the day. At 7:00 pm, Chris Casey and our cantors will lead us in a Praise and Worship session, after which we will conclude with benediction. Please challenge yourselves to spend time with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist on that day. Don't allow the opportunity to slip by you. Also, please see our Holy Week schedule in the bulletin, parish website, and Facebook page. And don't forget to invite family members, friends, neighbors, and colleagues to join us. Our experiences of our worship and liturgical celebrations are enriched when we have full and active participation from our community members.

May the grace and blessings of these last days of the Lenten season bring you all joy and peace that Jesus offers.

Sincerely,



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| April 3  | Faith Formation in Fourth and First Communion with parents 8:55 am—9:55 am   |
| April 4  | Human Needs Committee Meeting - Parish Hall 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<br>Prayer and Worship at 7:00 am |
| April 8  | Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM  |
| April 12 | WSP meeting in Parish Hall 6:30 pm   |

Called to *Serve*  
Liturgy Committee

**Liturgy Committee**

The Liturgy Committee would like to thank the anonymous donor for contributing to the acquisition of the new altar cloth that is on display at the tabernacle. The existing cloth was in deteriorating condition. We hope you will enjoy the improved appearance at the tabernacle.



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

Applications for the WSP Memorial Scholarship are now available in the vestibule of the church. 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!**

**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.