

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 10, 2022

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

"Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven
and glory in the highest."
- Lk 19:38

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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.....April 9 5:00 pm Parishioner's of St Patrick's
Sunday.....April 10 8:00 am Parishioner's of St Patrick's
 10:00 am Healing Mass for Mike & Sharon Sinacori as requested by Jeanne & Gideon Banville
MondayApril 11 8:00 am Parishioner's of St Patrick's
TuesdayApril 12 8:00 am Jerry Shinnors as requested by Elizabeth Roosen
Wednesday.....April 13 8:00 am Parishioner's of St Patrick's
Thursday.....April 14 7:00 pm Parishioner's of St Patrick's
Friday.....April 15 3:00 pm Liturgy
 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday April 16 8:00 pm Parishioner's of St Patrick's
Sunday April 17 8:00 am Eleanor Zacchera as requested by her family
 10:00 am Healing Mass for Mike & Sharon Sinacori as requested by WSP



Notes from the Human Needs Committee

Corporal Works of Mercy

For I was hungry and you gave me to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you welcomed me; I was naked and you clothed me; I was ill and you took care of me; I was in prison and you came to visit me... Whatever you did for the least of my brethren, you did for me. (Matthew 25:35)

As we approach this week remembering the passion of Christ, let us remember to help those who are struggling to meet their most basic needs, those who are the most vulnerable. Let us remember to treat everyone with respect and dignity. Let us be careful not to judge, but to love one another as God has loved us. And let us strive to do these things throughout the year and always.



2021 Pastor's Appeal

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts...

We truly appreciate each and every donation we have received for the 2021 Pastor's Appeal. As a result of your generosity and dedication to our parish, we were able to raise **\$27,508!** Your generous contributions will go toward making up for the payment of repairing the church tower that we did this past summer.

Thank you and May God bless you!

Parish Support

Week of 3/31/22 to 4/5/22

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$4,630.39
 Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$1,473.00
Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$6,103.39

Facilities- \$ 95.00

Monthly- Lawn care

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ 700.00
 Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$ 231.00

Monthly Collection Total \$ **931.00**

Grand Total: \$7,129.39

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

Blessing of the Easter Food Basket 10:00 am

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)



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!!



WEEKLY REFLECTION

A Shocking Contrast!

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (Year C)

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." Luke 19:38

In today's Liturgy, we face quite a contrast of experiences and emotions. We begin our celebration listening to the story of Jesus being welcomed into Jerusalem with great joy and exultation! "Hosanna!" they cried out. "Hosanna in the Highest!" Jesus was treated as He should have been treated. People were excited to see Him and there was much excitement.

But this excitement quickly turned to shock and horror as we enter more deeply into today's readings. The Gospel culminates with Jesus hanging on the Cross crying out "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" And with that, "Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last." At that moment the entire congregation kneels in silence as we ponder the reality of Christ's death.

How things can change in one short week. What happened to all the people who were shouting and praising Him as He entered into Jerusalem? How could they allow Him to enter into this Crucifixion and death?

The deepest answer to this question is one that we may not expect. The answer is that the Father willed it. The Father willed, by His permissive will, that so many would turn on Him, abandon Him and allow Him to be crucified. This is so very important to understand.

At any time during that first Holy Week, Jesus could have exercised His divine power and refused to embrace His Cross. But He didn't. Instead, He willingly walked through this week anticipating and embracing the suffering and rejection He received. And He didn't do so begrudgingly or even with regret. He embraced this week willingly, choosing it as His own will.

Why would He do such a thing? Why would He choose suffering and death? Because in the Father's perfect wisdom, this suffering and death was for a greater purpose. God chose to confound the wisdom of the world by using His own suffering and Crucifixion as the perfect means of our holiness. In this act, He transformed the greatest evil into the greatest good. Now, as a result of our faith in this act, the crucifix hangs centrally in our churches and in our homes as a constant

reminder that not even the greatest of evils can overcome the power, wisdom and love of God. God is more powerful than death itself and God has the final victory even when all seems lost.

Let this week give you divine hope. So often we can be tempted toward discouragement and, even worse, we can be tempted toward despair. But all is not lost for us either. Nothing can ultimately steal away our joy unless we let it. No hardship, no burden and no cross can conquer us if we remain steadfast in Christ Jesus letting Him transform all we endure in life by His glorious embrace of His own Cross.

Reflect, today, upon the contrast of emotions from Palm Sunday through Good Friday. Ponder the fear, confusion and despair that many would have had as they saw Jesus murdered. Reflect, also, upon this being a divine act by which the Father permitted this grave suffering so as to use it for the greatest good ever known. The Lord gave His life freely and calls you to do the same. Reflect upon the cross in your life. Know that the Lord can use this for good, bringing forth an abundance of mercy through your free embrace as you offer it to Him as a willing sacrifice. Blessed Holy Week! Put your eyes upon the Lord's Cross as well as your own.

My crucified Lord, when I am tempted to despair, give me hope. Help me to see your presence in all things, even in those things that are most troubling to me. May this Holy Week transform my darkest moments and weakness as I surrender all to You, my God. Jesus, I trust in You.



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!

Hosanna!



April 10	Faith Formation in person grades First, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh & Eighth. First Communion in person review meeting 8:55 am—9:55 am
April 12	WSP meeting in Parish Hall 6:30 pm
April 16	Faith Formation Virtual grade Fourth at 8:00 am and grades Fifth and Sixth at 8:30 am

EASTER BASKET FOOD BLESSING

Saturday ~ April 10 ~ 10 am



The “Blessing of the Easter Basket” is one of the most beloved and enduring traditions of Eastern Europeans on Holy Saturday during Easter. Baskets contain a sampling of Easter food and are brought to church on Holy Saturday to be blessed. The Easter food items and other items have a specific significance.

Please plan on creating your own family Easter basket and bring it to St Patrick’s Church to be blessed on Holy Saturday! Perhaps make this a new fun Family Easter tradition.

PALM SUNDAY

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