

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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Serving the communities of Avon, Burlington, Canton, Collinsville and St. Thérèse, Lilavois, Haiti

Parish Ministries

Altar Server Ministry

Mr. Rob Dupre: (860) 299-3335

Choir Director

Mr. Chris Casey: (860) 904-8138

Facilities Committee

Call Rectory: (860) 693-8727

Haitian Ministry

Mrs. Sharon Fuller: ((860) 916-7610

Human Needs Ministry

Mrs. Terry St. Gelais: (860) 916-6163

Lectio Divina

Mr. Rich Stoops: (860) 693-1913

Youth Ministry Program

Chloe Ferraro

ym@spcolct.org

Liturgy Committee

Call Rectory: (860) 693-8727

Men's Fraternity

Mr. Rich Stoops: (860) 693-1913

Men's Retreat

Mr. Moe Poirier: (860) 693-4692

Parish Council President

Mr. Rob Dupre: (860) 299-3335

Imago Dei (Pro-Life) Ministry

Mrs. Carline Thurston: (860) 693-4231

Rosary at Cherry Brook

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Social/Hospitality Ministry

CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

SPYRIT 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Youth

Group

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Usher/Greeter Ministry

Mr. Mike Sinacori: (860) 202-9802

Women of St. Patrick's

860-693-8727



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

St Patrick's Cemeteries

Our parish has two active cemeteries Calvary Cemetery in Collinsville and St Patrick's in Burlington . Call the Office for more details.

Handicapped Access

Please enter through the rear entrance of the Church

Allergies

Parishioners suffering from gluten should speak to the Pastor about their needs. We have low gluten options available.

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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 FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, February 17
 5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick's
Sunday February 18
 8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's
 10:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's
Monday, February 19
 8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's
Tuesday, February 20
 8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's
Wednesday February 21
 8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's
Thursday, February 22
 9:00 am No Mass
Friday, February 23
 800 am No Mass
Saturday, February 24
 5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick's
Sunday February 25
 8:00 am Eleanor Zacchera
 10:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

**Fellowship & Snacks,
 Guided Bible Discussions,
 Small Groups
 and Prayer**

ALL HIGH
 SCHOOL
 AGED TEENS
 WELCOME

Legacy Bible Study

Lent

"Come to me...and I will give you rest." MT 11:28



Two part Lenten Bible Study for Teens

and Young Adults

6:30 -7:45pm
 @ St. Patrick's Hall

Feb 21 - What is Lent? and Why do we need Lent?

Mar 13 - Jesus' love for us

Questions & RSVP
 Chloe - (860)9904691
 ym@spcolct.org

Parish Support

Week of 2/8/24 to 2/14/24

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 4,756.38
 Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$ 1,947.00
 Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): **\$ 6,703.38**

Facilities \$ 598.46

Monthly- Facilities Fund

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ 130.00

Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$ 250.00

Monthly Collection Total \$ **380.00**

Grand Total: \$ **7,681.84**

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



Stations of the Cross

Throughout the Lenten Season, Stations of the Cross will be held every **Friday at 7:00 pm.**

Please join us !



CONFESSION

In addition to Saturday, 4pm confessions, we will have Confessions every Monday, 6pm-7pm throughout the Lenten Season, beginning Monday, February 19th. Come and experience the Mercy of God through the power of the Sacrament.

ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

March 29th at 7pm—Youth Led Living Stations of the Cross to reenact our Lord's Passion. There is a sign up sheet on the table by the parking lot entrance of the church. Contact Chloe with any questions: ym@spcolct.org



Baptism

Congratulations to the parents of
 Lucianna Jane Keating

She was baptized here on February 11, 2024

Save the Date

**The Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner
 Saturday, March 16th after 5pm Mass**



Dinner will include corned beef, chicken or pasta served family style. Tickets will be on sale after Mass on March 2nd-3rd and March 9th-10th. Ticket sales will be limited to 80, so purchase early! Adults \$20, children under 12 are free.



The Ministry of Angels

First Sunday of Lent (Year B)

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. [Mark 1:12-13](#)

What an amazing event we reflect upon today. Jesus, the Son of God, the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity humbled Himself in two ways in the passage quoted above. First, He allowed Himself to endure the temptations of Satan. Second, He permitted His very own creation, the good angels, to minister to Him in His human form.

First of all, recall that Satan is a fallen angel. He was created by God and was created good. But the Book of Revelation (12:4) indicates that one-third of the created angels were cast out of Heaven to roam the earth. These demons act under the direction of the highest fallen angel, Satan. Thus, according to the passage above, it was Satan himself who tempted Jesus in the desert. Additionally, Jesus permitted the good angels to minister to Him in His human nature. These acts reveal the perfection of the virtue of humility within the humanity of our Lord.

According to Saint Thomas Aquinas, angels were created for three primary reasons. The first is for the purpose of worship. Worship of God brings about communion with God and enables perfect love to flow back and forth from God to each angelic being. Second, angels enact the will of God in all things. This includes the implementation of the laws of nature and the imparting of the grace that Christ won on the Cross. Third, God uses angels as messengers. Scripture records various ways that the angels spoke to the prophets, to our Blessed Mother, to Saint Joseph and to others. Saint Thomas Aquinas also believed that each of us is given a particular guardian angel whose role is not only to protect us but also to communicate the will of God to us.

As God, Jesus was the Creator of all angelic beings with the Father and the Holy Spirit. As man, Jesus was the recipient of both the ministry of the good angels and the attacks of the fallen angels. By humbly subjecting Himself to the natural powers of these angelic creatures, Jesus was also teaching us that we must do the same.

One of the primary natural powers of both the good and bad angels is the power of influence and suggestive thought. Angelic beings have the ability to put before your imagination ideas meant to either influence you for the good (the good angels) or to deceive you and lead you into sin (the bad angels). These communications are real, and we should be aware of them. In his book, *The Spiritual Exercises*, Saint Ignatius of Loyola devotes much time and energy to the ministry of angels. He teaches how to distinguish the lies and deceptions of the fallen angels from the consoling direction communicated by the good angels. In many ways, our Gospel passage today, by which Jesus submitted Himself to the temptations and ministry of the angels, lends much support to the importance of trying to understand how these angelic

angelic creatures influence us. For more on this, see the book [Probing the Depths: Ignatian Lessons and Meditations Arranged According to the Liturgical Year](#)

Reflect, today, upon the amazing truth that both angels and demons are constantly active in your life, seeking to influence you. As you ponder their spiritual role in your life, consider the various ways you can learn more about them. Speak to your guardian angel. Ask for the intercession of the highest of angels. Try to join them in their divine worship. Pray for their protection. Ask them to communicate to you the highest of truths from God. Seek to be attentive to these holy angels so that as you learn to discern their voices, you will be ready to follow the direction they give to you from God.

My Lord and Creator of All, You created the angelic order for the glorious purpose of love and worship. You also give them the mission of enacting Your holy will and communicating to us on earth. Please help me to be more aware of the deceptions of the fallen angels and the direction of the good angels. Angels of God, pray for me, protect me and guide me into God's perfect will. Jesus, I trust in You.

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Blessing Bag Project

The Faith Formation Program will continue to collect self-care items for the less fortunate during Lent. Please place donated items in the basket labeled "Blessing Bag Project" located in the vestibule of the church. Email our Faith Formation Coordinator, [Jessica Sanzo](#), with any questions at ffd@spcolct.org. Thank you for your support!

Week 1 (2/17-2/18) - Toothbrush and Toothpaste

Week 2 (2/24-2/25) - Men's & Women's Deodorant

Week 3 (3/2-3/3) - Thick/Warm Pair of Socks

Week 4 (3/9-3/10) - Travel-sized Facial Tissues & 'Chapstick' w/SPF

Week 5 (3/16-3/17) - 'Band-aides' & Travel-sized Hand Sanitizer

Week 6 (3/23-3/24) - Individually Wrapped Snacks



*Monetary donations, to purchase supplies, will also be graciously accepted (please label donations "FF Blessing Bag Project").

Faith Formation Calendar


Feb 24	6 th grade	Virtual @8:00 am
Feb 25	1 st , 3 rd , 4 th grades	In Person 8:55-9:55 am
	7 th grade	Virtual @6:30 pm
Feb 26	First Holy Communion	In Person @ 6 pm
Mar 3	1 st , 3 rd , 4 th , 8 th grades	In Person @ 8:55-9:55 am
	YOUTH MASS	10 am
	Confirmation Year 1	In Person 11:15 am-12:15 pm
	Confirmation Year 2	In Person 12:30 pm-1:30 pm
Mar 4	First Holy Communion	In Person @ 6 pm

*Class dates/times are subject to change.

Save The Date!!! St. Patrick's Parish Annual Spring Luncheon Saturday - April 20, 2024




February 21	Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration 7:00 pm
February 22	Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Church
February 24	Confirmation Retreat 11:00 am—5:00 pm Parish Hall



We Want to Hear From You!
 The Parish Council invites you to share your questions and/or suggestions via an online form to improve communication as a parish and better serve the needs and wants of our people. The form can be completed Anonymously or you can choose to include your contact information. The link will be regularly posted in our Bulletin and on our website along with a QR code you can scan using your phone's camera and following the link. The council will review and address the questions at our beginning of the month meetings and any notes to be addressed will be published in the Bulletin. We look forward to hearing your input!

LINK:
<https://forms.gle/1YFHzbjWd3BcJwBp9>

QR CODE:



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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