

# 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**

Mrs. Sharon Mazzo: (860) 693-0166

### **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

### **St Patrick's Youth Ministry Team**

#### **Confirmation Program**

Brian Curran 860-422-0490

Sandy MiCari 860-302-2797

#### **Legacy Youth Program**

Wendy & Mike Gacek

860-675-4081

#### **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. Mark Niehaus: (860) 944-1458

#### **Imago Dei (Pro-Life) Ministry**

Mrs. Carline Thurston: (860) 693-4231

#### **Rosary at Cherry Brook**

Mrs. Carline Thurston: (860) 693-4231

#### **Social/Hospitality Ministry**

CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

#### **SPYRIT 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Youth Group**

CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

#### **Usher/Greeter Ministry**

Mr. Mike Sinacori: (860) 202-9802

#### **Women of St. Patrick's**

860-693-8727



SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2023

## 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." - Mt 11:28

Scripture from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1995, 1970 CCD.

### **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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*Music Director*

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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.

## ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

### Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



#### Saturday, July 8

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick's

#### Sunday, July 9

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

10:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

#### Monday, July 10

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

#### Tuesday, July 11

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

#### Wednesday July 12

8:00 am Dr. Vito Accordi as requested by Lamberty Family

#### Thursday, July 13

8:00 am No Mass

#### Friday, July 14

8:00 am No Mass

#### Saturday, July 15

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick's

#### Sunday July 16

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

10:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

## Faith Formation Registration

Registration for the 2023-2024 Faith Formation year will open on **Thursday, June 1, 2023** and will close on July 20, 2023. This includes general Faith Formation classes, First Holy Communion, and the Confirmation Program.

Registration can be completed on our church website ([www.sp4c.org](http://www.sp4c.org)) or by filling out a paper form (found in the vestibule of the church) and returning it to the rectory.

Registration fees can be paid through the *online giving link* on our website or by sending a check (made out to St. Patrick's Church) to the rectory. (Please register early as a **\$25 late fee** will be added per child registered **after July 20**).

#### 23-24 Registration Fees

1<sup>st</sup> Child: \$100

2<sup>nd</sup> Child: \$85

3<sup>rd</sup> Child: \$70

(The maximum fee per family is \$255)

We look forward to seeing your children when classes resume in September! If you have any questions, please contact our Faith Formation Coordinator, Jessica Sanzo, at [ffd@sp4c.org](mailto:ffd@sp4c.org).



#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm for Eucharistic Adoration.

## Parish Support

#### Week of 6/29/23 to 7/3/23

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 3078.00

Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$ 1,439.00

Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$4,517.00

**Facilities** \$ 55.00

#### Monthly- AOH Peter Pence's

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ 526.00

Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$ 0.00

Monthly Collection Total \$ **526.00**

Grand Total: \$ **5,098.00**

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

### Word of Life † July 9th

"Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God's power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives."

Read more at [www.bit.ly/AdoptionLoveStory](http://www.bit.ly/AdoptionLoveStory).

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
"An Adoption Love Story"



### Thank you!

Your tremendous generosity to the 2022 Pastor's Annual Appeal has blessed us with being able to install new flooring in the Parish Hall.

Thank you to all who donated and/or continue to donate to help fund future projects.

Thank you also to Mike Archangelo and his company for a job well done!



**LECTORS NEEDED!** "When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to His people, and Christ, present in His Word, proclaims the Gospel." (USCCB) This is why we listen reverently and with our hearts and minds.

St. Patrick's needs more lectors to participate in this ministry and enjoy the Scriptures while doing so.

Please consider and pray about joining our team of lectors. We'll train you and practice with you so that you are comfortable to share the Word at Mass.

Contact Christine Masotti at: [Christine.masotti@gmail.com](mailto:Christine.masotti@gmail.com) or 860-491-6121



## The Light Burden of Grace

*Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)*

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.” [Matthew 11:28-30](#)

Around the year 167 BC, two new groups of religious leaders emerged within Judaism: the scribes and Pharisees. By the time that Jesus walked the earth, these religious leaders had developed many customs, false doctrines and religious practices that they claimed were derived from the Law of Moses. However, Jesus condemned their teachings as scrupulous, self-centered, and hypocritical. What they taught was often a distortion of the Law. Recall, for example, that the Pharisees condemned the disciples for picking heads of wheat and eating them on the Sabbath, claiming that this violated the Third Commandment. Clearly, Jesus taught that it didn't.

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks to those “who labor and are burdened” and invites them to carry the light and easy yoke that He will give them. In other words, Jesus is identifying the fact that the scribes and Pharisees had so distorted the Law of Moses that the practice of the Jewish faith had become a burden that was too difficult to carry. In contrast, Jesus' New Law of grace was freeing, light, and easy.

When you consider Jesus' many teachings, do you see them as easy to follow? Or do they seem to be too much at times? For example, Jesus said to “be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect” ([Matthew 5:48](#)). This was not only an invitation, it was also a command and a requirement. So are Jesus' teachings easy? Or are they overwhelming?

Of course, since Jesus Himself says that “my yoke is easy, and my burden light,” then we can be certain that they are. Jesus not only calls us to moral perfection, He also gives us the means by which we can obtain it. By analogy, say someone told you to move a boulder that weighed 2,000 pounds. Could you do that? You could if the person also gave you a large tractor to use for the task. In that case, it would be as easy as using the machine correctly. So it is with all that our Lord asks of us. When we find some moral obligation to be difficult or even overwhelming, then we are not relying upon the grace that God has given us to fulfill His command.

Reflect, today, upon Jesus' gentle invitation to you to embrace the “yoke” of perfection. Do not see it as too much. Rather, see it as a joyous invitation from our Lord. Ponder the fact that God not only calls you to the heights of holiness, He also provides you with the means to obtain it. Have faith in His almighty power and open yourself to it more fully so that You will be able to do anything and everything our Lord asks of you with ease and joy.

*My gentle Lord, You place upon my shoulders Your own yoke to carry. I say “Yes” to all that You ask of me, and I thank You for bestowing Your mercy upon me. Please remove every yoke from me that is not from You so that I can follow You*

*with the joy of the light burden of Your grace. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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## BRIGHTER DAYS BIGGER MISSION

*Inviting gracious hearts to give during the warmth of summertime*

Summer sunshine offers us time and opportunities for spiritual building. That is why our St Patrick's Parish offers Online Giving as an additional option to support our ongoing mission and ministries.

Our church is a spiritual home for all of us which relies on our time, talent and treasure to fulfill that mission.

Online Giving helps support our church by allowing you to make donations, payments, and pledges via your mobile phone, smart device and computer to our church.

Your offertory donations can be made online by clicking the link on our website or by visiting:

<https://osvhub.com/sp4c/giving/funds>

## All Bible Study Leaders: Please join us!

### *Pilgrimage in the Steps of St. Paul to* **GREECE & TURKEY**

**12 DAYS: MAY 20 - 31, 2024**

VISITING: ATHENS \* CORINTH \* DELPHI \* KALAMBAKA \* THESSALONIKI \* KAVALA  
CANAKKALE \* PERGAMUM \* IZMIR \* PAMUKKALE \* EPHEBUS \* ISTANBUL



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INTO YOUR LIFE**

## Peter's Pence Collection

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! Our contributions of \$556.00, combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world, will help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need.

If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give! Visit [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence) and click on the “How to Give” link.



July 12	Holy Hour and Adoration 7:00 pm
July 13	Bell Choir Rehearsal Church 7:00 pm



### 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:



[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PfiK131WBT2RezanP6bjutzUySqiffxx/view?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PfiK131WBT2RezanP6bjutzUySqiffxx/view?usp=share_link)

### 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