

# 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

### **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. Rob Dupre: (860) 299-3335

### **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, AUGUST 20, 2023

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



Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 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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*Confirmation Coordinator*

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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.

# Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**Saturday, August 19**  
 5:00 pm David & Charles Demora as requested by the Demora Family

**Sunday August 20**  
 8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's  
 10:00 am Enderline N. Anaech

**Monday, August 21**  
 8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

**Tuesday, August 22**  
 8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

**Wednesday August 23**  
 8 :00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

**Thursday, August 24**  
 8:00 am No Mass

**Friday, August 25**  
 800 am No Mass

**Saturday, August 26**  
 5:00 pm Stanislaw Piendak as requested by the Collins Family

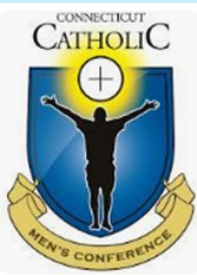
**Sunday August 27**  
 8 :00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's  
 10:00 am Enderline N. Anaech

## Faith Formation News

**Last Chance to register your children for Faith Formation!** Classes begin on September 17th!

### Catechists still needed!!!

We are still prayerfully waiting for parishioners to volunteer in our Faith Formation program! If you would like to help, please contact our Faith Formation Coordinator, Jessica Sanzo, at [ffd@spcolct.org](mailto:ffd@spcolct.org).



### 2023 Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference

**On Saturday, September 23, 2023 at Northwest Catholic High School in West Hartford, CT**

Purchase tickets at [www.ctcatholicmen.org](http://www.ctcatholicmen.org) or at the door  
 Doors will open at 7:30 am. Ticket prices are \$45 for adults and \$20 for teens.

***We request that you purchase your tickets in advance. Lunch is include, so advance sale are important***

Our Catholic Men's Conference has a *unique format* that includes: Eucharistic Procession, Adoration, Inspiring Speakers, Confession, Lunch, Exhibitors and Vigil Mass. We have a **FIRST EVER PROCESSION OF THE SAINTS** ( over 24 relics in procession)

## Parish Support

### Week of 8/10/23 to 8/16/23

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| Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash):              | \$ 2,541.00       |
| Weekly Collection (Online Giving):                  | \$ 1,402.00       |
| <b>Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online):</b> | <b>\$3,943.00</b> |
| <b>Facilities</b>                                   | <b>\$ 554.00</b>  |

### Monthly-N/A

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| Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) | \$ 0.00        |
| Monthly Collection (Online Giving)    | \$ 0.00        |
| <b>Monthly Collection Total</b>       | <b>\$ 0.00</b> |

**Grand Total:** **\$ 4,497.00**

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



### ATTENTION ALL WOMEN OF ST PATRICK PARISH !

*YOU* are cordially invited to.

### THE WOMEN OF ST PATRICK WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL

TUESDAY ~ SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 ~ 6:30pm

Please plan on joining the WSP for a fun and informative evening! The evening will begin with a business meeting followed by a wine & cheese social. Come meet new friends and learn what the WSP has planned for the upcoming year. The WSP are always interested in hearing your thoughts and new ideas ! *Hope to see you here! Bring a friend!!*



### Youth Ministry and Confirmation Coordinator

Dear Parishioners of St Patrick's,

My name is Chloe Ferraro and I am a recent graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio. I spent the past four years studying theology with the hope of working for the Church and sharing my love for Christ. I am so grateful to be welcomed by Fr. Collins into St Patrick's parish community and look forward to meeting all of you. I am excited to serve as the Youth Ministry and Confirmation Coordinator for the parish. Looking forward to your support. My prayers are with you and your families.

In Christ,  
*Chloe Ferraro*



### WSP Annual Annamae Rotondo Mum Sale

September 2023. Details to follow.





## Begging for Scraps of Mercy

*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)*

At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." [Matthew 15:21-22](#)

After Jesus was harshly challenged by the Pharisees, He and His disciples took a 35-mile journey to the northwest to a region that was in pagan territory and outside of the jurisdiction of Herod and the Jewish leaders. It might have been a time of repose for Him and His disciples and an opportunity for Jesus to form the disciples more directly. It was during this retreat that a pagan woman came to ask Jesus for help.

As the story unfolds, we see that her prayer is a model for us all. First, she acknowledges Who Jesus is—the Son of David. This is a manifestation of her faith and a clear contrast to the lack of faith Jesus had experienced with many of the people in Galilee. Second, her request is expressed in straightforward and simple language, "Have pity on me!" And, "Lord, help me." Third, her prayer is persistent. Jesus allows her to manifest her persistence by first being silent to her request and then telling her "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." Jesus obviously does not say this to be rude, but to invite her to manifest her faith in a persistent way. And that she does. Finally, her prayer is one of deep humility. She responds, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." She was begging for the "scraps" of Jesus' mercy, and she received His mercy in abundance.

Do you desire the scraps of Jesus' mercy in the way a dog desires the scraps from the table of its owner? Hopefully you do. This is the disposition that we must all have in prayer. Sometimes, out of pride, we can think that we have a right to God's mercy. We can think that God owes us. And though we might realize that mercy is not deserved, we must allow that truth to sink in deeply. That is why this story is so important. It presents us with the ideal way to pray and the humble interior disposition we must have when approaching God.

Prayerfully sit with the image of a dog begging for scraps from the table. When a dog is given what is left over, it is thrilled. To us, eating the scraps from another's plate is undesirable. But if the "plate" belongs to the Savior of the World and the "food" is His grace and mercy, then that changes everything. In the end, the Master also invites us to the table and feeds us with the finest of spiritual food. But that doesn't change the fact that we must always have the humble disposition exemplified by this humble woman.

Reflect, today, upon this holy woman. In the end, Jesus cried out, "O woman, great is your faith!" But that did not come until she wholeheartedly expressed her faith with humility and persistence. With her as a shining example, reflect upon how you pray to God. Do you pray with self-righteousness

as if you deserve God's mercy? Do you tend to see God as one Who owes you something? Do you get angry with God when He doesn't immediately answer your demands? Try to humble yourself like this woman. Beg for whatever God wants to give to you. Do so with perseverance and the utmost trust. If you do, our Lord will not only pour forth the scraps of His mercy, He will also pick you up and invite you to the glorious meal of His abundant grace.

*Most merciful Jesus, I beg of You that I be given only the scraps from the table of Your mercy. I beg this of You with all my heart. Though I do not deserve You, I seek You anyway. You know what I need, dear Lord; please bestow upon me Your mercy for those needs. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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## RCIA PROGRAM TO BEGIN!

The RCIA Program (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) will begin in October for any adults who are interested in becoming Catholic.

This interesting and exciting program will instruct candidates in the foundations of the Catholic faith and prepare them to enter the Church at the Easter

Vigil, when they will receive the sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation). Meetings are typically held biweekly for 90 minutes and explore many aspects of the faith in an interactive format.

If you have been considering conversion to the Catholic faith, or if you know someone who has an interest, or if you would just like to talk about the process, please contact Deacon Ken Bangs at 860-881-7785 or at [dcn.bangs@aohct.org](mailto:dcn.bangs@aohct.org), or call the Rectory at 860-693-8727 to leave your contact information. We look forward to speaking with you!



## Welcome New Parishioners!

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

**George Rebmann  
Aric Fulton & Family**



## In Loving Memory "Patricia Helene McCormack"

Please keep in your prayers, Patricia Helene McCormack, who died recently. Her funeral mass was held on Saturday, August 19, 2023 at 11:00 am in Duxbury, MA. She is the mother of Fr James McCormack. We've had the honor of having Fr McCormack celebrate several masses throughout the year here at St Patrick's.

*May her soul rest in peace. May God grant comfort and consolation to her family and friends*



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| August 23 | Holy Hour and Adoration 7:00 pm     |
| August 24 | 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:



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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