

# 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**

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### **Liturgy Committee**

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### **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, OCTOBER 1, 2023

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

"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." - Mt 21:32

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### **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, September 30**  
 5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick's  
**Sunday October 1**  
 8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's  
 10:00 am Tony Trouern—Trend as requested by a Friend  
**Monday, October 2**  
 8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's  
**Tuesday, October 3**  
 8:00 am No Mass  
**Wednesday October 4**  
 8:00 am No Mass  
**Thursday, October 5**  
 8:00 am No Mass  
**Friday, October 6**  
 800 am No Mass  
**Saturday, October 7**  
 5:00 pm Martha Apanovitch by a Friend  
**Sunday October 8**  
 8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's  
 10:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

## Faith Formation Calendar

<b>Oct 1</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> grades	In Person @8:55-9:55 am
	YOUTH MASS	10 am
	Confirmation Kick-off	In Person @11 am
<b>Oct 2</b>	First Holy Communion	In Person @6 pm
	5 <sup>th</sup> grade	In Person @6 pm
<b>October 7-9 COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND – NO CLASSES</b>		
<b>Oct 15</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> grades	In Person @8:55-9:55 am
	Confirmation Y1	In Person @11:15-12:15
	Confirmation Y2	In Person @12:30-1:30
	7 <sup>th</sup> grade	Virtual @6:30 pm
<b>Oct 16</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	Virtual @6:30 pm

*\*Class dates/times are subject to change.*



**Archdiocese of Hartford**  
**His Excellency the Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair** invites you to attend a **Mass of Welcome for the Christopher J. Coyne the Coadjutor Archbishop of Hartford.** To be held on **Monday October 9, 2023, at 2:00 PM** at the Cathedral of St Joseph, Farmington Ave, Hartford, CT.

*Reception following the Mass*

## Parish Support

### Week of 9/21/23 to 9/26/23

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 2,855.00  
 Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$ 1,351.00  
Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$4,206.00  
**Facilities** \$ 125.00

### Monthly-Catholic Elementary School

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ 862.00  
 Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$ 0.00  
**Monthly Collection Total** \$ **862.00**

**Grand Total:** \$ **5,193.00**

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



**Blessing of the Animals**  
**At St Patrick's Church**  
**Saturday, October 7, 2023 at**  
**10:00 am**



### Parish Lawn

In celebration of St Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals. We invite you to attend this special blessing of our precious pets and all animals. Let us celebrate the bond of creation together!

Have you recently lost a pet? Write the name of your pet on a piece of paper and put it in the designated basket.

Please have your pet on a leash or in a carrier for their safety during the blessing!

This is a beautiful way to recognize the animals that give us unconditional love!!



Several of you may use our online giving platform for your weekly/monthly contributions but continue to receive Offertory envelopes in the mail. If you use the online giving platform and would like to discontinue the Offertory envelopes please contact Terry St Gelais at 860-764-4426 or at aa@sp4c.org so we can remove you from our distribution list.

### Regular Bulletin Deadline — Tuesdays, 12 pm

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## A Life of Ongoing Conversion

### Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir,' but did not go." [Matthew 21:28-30](#)

This parable presents a message of great hope to those who find it difficult to follow the will of God. The first son, the one who said he would not obey the father but then changed his mind, refers to those who have initially rejected the will of God but then repented and turned back to Him. The second son represents those who claim to be faithful followers of the will of God, but are not. This second son presents us with a very dangerous trap we can fall into. He represents the interior disposition of the chief priests and elders of the people. They said one thing but did another. They acted as if they were righteous but were not. They might have even been fooling themselves.

Of course, there is another possible scenario Jesus doesn't present. Ideally, when the father asked his son to work in the vineyard he would have said "yes" and then followed through with his commitment. But this is not mentioned because no one falls into that category, except for our Blessed Mother. All people have sinned, and everyone needs to repent.

When we look at these two sons, we must humbly strive to be like the first one. We must begin by acknowledging that we have refused to obey the will of God in many ways throughout our lives. God has invited us to serve Him, and we have said "no." Acknowledging this is an essential starting point for a life of true conversion and service of God.

When we fail to humbly admit that we have sinned, we are acting like the second son. We are living a lie and are trying to convince ourselves that we are faithful to the will of God when we are not. This second son represents a very dangerous interior disposition that we must avoid with all of our might. It is the sin of impenitence, a sin against the Holy Spirit. It is dangerous because this type of self-righteousness keeps a person from truly serving the will of God. They believe their own lie and see no need to repent.

Which of these two sons are you most like? Are you keenly aware of your weaknesses and sins? Can you humbly admit them to yourself and to God? Or do you tend to present yourself as one who is holy and does not need to repent? Never be afraid to admit your sin. Never pretend to be someone you are not. Never allow yourself to be drawn into self-righteousness. We are all called to a life of ongoing conversion. Seeing that fact, admitting to it and striving for that conversion will win for us the glorious Kingdom of Heaven.

Reflect, today, upon the many ways that you have initially said "no" to the will of God. Sometimes we do so in grave matters, and sometimes we do so in less serious ways. The humble truth is that we all refuse to fully embrace the will of God every day. The invitation we have been given to

obey Him is much more than a black-and-white, yes-or-no answer. God's call to obedience goes deep and is a call on a continuously deepening level. Keep looking into your soul and confess the ways you reject the will of God. The more clearly you see your sins and confess them, the more fully you will be in a position to say "yes" to the will of God with all your heart.

*Most merciful Lord, You continuously call us to repentance. We have all sinned against You and do so every day. Please give me the gifts of humility and honesty so that I will be aware of the ways in which I refuse to say yes to Your perfect will and so that I can repent of those sins and daily turn back to You. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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### Congratulations to Peter Baughman and Megan Vachon

On receiving the Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday, September 23, 2023 here at St Patrick's Church

May the Lord's blessings and goodness be upon them!



### Archdiocese of Hartford MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS Sunday, October 22, 2023, at 2:00 PM Cathedral of St Joseph, Hartford

Those in the archdiocese who are observing 25th, 50th, and 60th and other special wedding anniversaries in 2023 are invited to join Archbishop Blair for this special anniversary Mass. Couples are asked to register no later than October 12th online at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/marriagemass>

### Word of Life † October 1

"Radical solidarity compels us to come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their preborn children. It requires us to address the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her. We must do all we can to provide mothers, children, and families with the support they need to flourish. This cannot be accomplished by laws or policy alone, but requires the continual transformation of our own hearts."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Reflection: "Radical Solidarity" reflection)



**St Paul's Catholic High School,** Bristol, CT has an open house planned for prospective students

looking to attend St Paul's in 2023 or 2024. All tours are by appointment and each family will take a guided tour around the campus building.

Visit [spchs.com/openhouse](https://spchs.com/openhouse) to register for appointment on **Saturday, October 14 or November 18 with appointments beginning at 10:00 am.**



October 2	Human Needs Committee Meeting Parish Hall 7 pm
October 5	Bell Choir Rehearsal, Church, 7:00 pm
October 7	Blessing of the Animals Church Lawn 10:00 am
October 10	WSP Meeting Parish Hall 6:30 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>

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### Open House at Trinita

Trinita is celebrating 100 years in the Archdiocese of Hartford. Please drop in to meet some of the Sisters who have served at Trinita.. Children welcomed!!

**Date:** October 8th

**Time:** 2:00pm—5:00 pm

**Place** Trinita Retreat Center, 595 Town Hill Rd, New Hartford, CT.

### Just a Friendly Reminder...

Your offertory donations can be made online by clicking the link on our website or by visiting: [St. Patrick Church Collinsville Connecticut - COLLINSVILLE, CT | Online Giving \(osvhub.com\)](#)