

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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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



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." - Mt 22:21

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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, October 21

5:00 pm Dolly DiMeo as requested by Richard DiMeo

Sunday October 22

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

10:00 am Ronald Dionne as requested by Barbara Murphy

Monday, October 23

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

Tuesday, October 24

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

Wednesday October 25

8:00 am Edward & Rita Kozlak as requested by the Family

Thursday, October 26

8:00 am No Mass

Friday, October 27

800 am No Mass

Saturday, October 28

5:00 pm Francis Colwell as requested by Janet & Andy Clarke

Sunday October 29


8:00 am Carol Lauretti as requested by the Masotti Family

10:00 am Maureen Wallison as requested by the Human Needs Committee

Faith Formation Calendar

Oct 22	3 rd , 4 th , 6 th , 7 th grades	In Person @8:55-9:55 am
Oct 23	First Holy Communion	In Person @ 6pm
Oct 29	1 st , 6 th , 8 th grades	In Person @8:55-9:55 am
	Confirmation Y1 & Y2	In Person @11:15 am - 1:15 pm
Oct 30	5 th grade	Virtual @6 pm
Nov 5	1 st , 7 th , 8 th grades	In Person @8:55-9:55 am
Nov 6	First Holy Communion	In Person @ 6pm
Nov 12	1 st , 4 th , 6 th , 8 th grades	In Person @8:55-9:55 am
	YOUTH MASS	10 am
	Confirmation Y1	11:15 am - 12:15 pm
	Confirmation Y2	12:30 pm - 1:30 pm
	7 th grade	Virtual @ 6:30 pm

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



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.

Parish Support

Week of 10/12/23 to 10/18/23

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash):	\$ 2,352.25
Weekly Collection (Online Giving):	\$ 938.00
Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online):	\$3,290.25
Facilities	\$ 130.00

Monthly-N/A

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

Grand Total: **\$ 3,420.25**

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



Human Needs Committee Art Show The Many Faces of Mary

As a first-century Jewish woman, her features and clothing were indicative of that era.

Yet, in her numerous appearances to us, the ways in which she communicates with us, and how she presents herself to us, **differs from country to country and region to region** reflecting her role as a mother of all God's people and uniting her to the universal mission of Christ. In a sense, she transcends time and culture, immersing herself in our world, while helping us to become immersed in hers. What is it about Mary that is so attractive and surpasses the distinctiveness of each culture?

Join us for an art exhibition on **Friday, October 27, 6:30- 8:00 pm, in the Parish Hall**, that shows beautiful artwork of our blessed Mother Mary as she is seen in different countries around the world. Cider, wine, and cheese will be served.

Bring your family & friends



Human Needs Committee Family to Family

The Human Needs committee is once again preparing to help families in need at Christmas time. Families from St Patrick's parish are matched with families from Maria Reina de la Paz in Hartford. These families supply us with a wish list of items they need, and our families buy, wrap and deliver these items right before Christmas, playing Santa Claus to a very grateful community. If you would like to participate this year, or would like more information, please email Barbara Scheideler at bscheideler@gmail.com, or call at 860-693- 2473.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Resolving Conflict

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap him in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" [Matthew 22:15-17](#)

It has been said that "the enemy of my enemy is my friend." In other words, two people who are enemies with each other will often join together if they see an opportunity to jointly attack an even greater enemy. This is what was happening in today's Gospel. Jesus was considered the greatest enemy of the Pharisees and the Herodians, and both of these groups joined together in a plot to trap Jesus even though they greatly disliked each other.

The Pharisees were very nationalistic and were strict observers of the Law of Moses. It was their view that the people should not have to pay taxes to the Romans, and many of the people agreed. The Herodians supported the Romans and, therefore, were supporters of Herod, the Jewish ruler appointed by the Roman Emperor. One of Herod's responsibilities was to obtain taxes from the Jews for use by the Roman government. Those who opposed the paying of taxes to the Romans could even be put to death.

This joint questioning of Jesus had one goal: to get Him in trouble. If Jesus said it was unlawful to pay taxes to Caesar, Herod's soldiers could arrest Him. If Jesus said that the people should pay taxes to Caesar, the Pharisees could turn the people against Him. It appeared to be a lose-lose question posed to Jesus. Of course, Jesus' answer was perfect. Without violating the Law of God, He also refrained from violating the civil law. Upon hearing His answer, all who heard Him "were amazed, and leaving him they went away."

The lesson learned from this passage is an especially important lesson to apply to family life. It is very common for conflicts to arise from time to time among those who are close to each other. When that happens, we can often take the approach of trying to trap the other person and trip them up with our deceptive reasoning. When this happens between two people, the conversation often turns into a shouting match with each party seeking only to find fault with the other. The solution to such situations is simple. Every conflict must be resolved by the truth. Jesus did this perfectly. He did not attack when He was attacked. He did not defend Himself irrationally. He did not shy away from the confrontation. He did not manipulate the truth to His own advantage. Instead, He spoke openly and honestly the full truth and refused to engage his opponents in their trickery. Consider this question. What if you were in Jesus' position and the Pharisees came to you, asking you this question? What would you be tempted to answer? Most likely, you would try to answer them in such a way that appeased

them. You might whisper, "We shouldn't pay the taxes but don't tell that to the Herodians." And if the Herodians were to ask you that question, you might be tempted to give a different answer that appeased them.

Oftentimes, when we feel as though another person is trying to trap us, condemn us, or challenge us, we become more concerned about our defense than with the honest truth. We can become afraid to say anything that will give them reason to attack us. We will be tempted to twist our answers rather than speak forthrightly with sincerity and honesty. This will never resolve a conflict. The only way to resolve anything is with the truth.

Reflect, today, upon how you work to resolve conflict when it arises. Are you more like the Pharisees and Herodians whose only goal was to trick, trap and win? Do you see the other as an enemy in those moments? Or do you strive to be like Jesus who didn't shy away from the conversation, answering honestly and directly? Of course, the truth was easy for Jesus since He was without any fault. In our lives, the truth may require that we admit our sin and apologize when confronted. However, if the truth, the full truth and nothing but the truth is our goal, then our conversations will imitate Jesus and, most often, a peaceful resolution will ensue.

My truthful Lord, Your wisdom is perfect and Your words are truth. Please give me the gifts of wisdom and all truth, especially when conflicts arise. In those moments, please keep me from reacting in an angry and defensive way so that I can always be an instrument of the unity You desire. Jesus, I trust in You.

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In Loving Memory

ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS
November 5th at 10:00 am

At this special Mass, we will remember in a special way those who have gone before us. During the Prayer of the Faithful, we will call out the names of those who have died this past year and invite their family members to come forward to the altar and light a candle in their memory. Then all will be invited to come forward to light a candle in memory of our deceased family members and friends.

In this celebration, we will not be mourning, but remembering our beloved dead as we give voice to our hope for their souls, and also to rejoice in our faith in Christ.

A special table will be set up on the altar throughout the month of November to hold pictures of our loved ones who have passed. If you would like a picture to be placed there, please hand it to an usher or drop it off in the Sacristy. Please make sure your name and contact information are listed on the back. Thank You!



COME TO PRAY The church is opened from 8:00 am—4:00pm, Monday through Wednesday for anyone who wishes to come & pray. Please use the side door near the water fountain.



October 23	Human Needs Committee Parish Hall 7:15 pm
October 25	Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration 7:00 pm
October 26	Bell Choir Rehearsal, Church, 7:00 pm
October 26	Human Needs Committee Parish Hall 7:00 pm
October 27	Human Needs Committee Art Show—Many Face of Mary Parish Hall 6:30-8:00 pm
October 28	Human Needs Committee Art Show—Many Faces of Mary & Social hour after 5:00 mass



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/1PflK131WBT2RezanP6bjutzUySqiffxx/view?usp=share_link



*In Loving Memory
"Elizabeth Zeigler"*

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

Regular Bulletin Deadline — Tuesdays, 12 pm

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