

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

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Social/Hospitality Ministry

CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

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

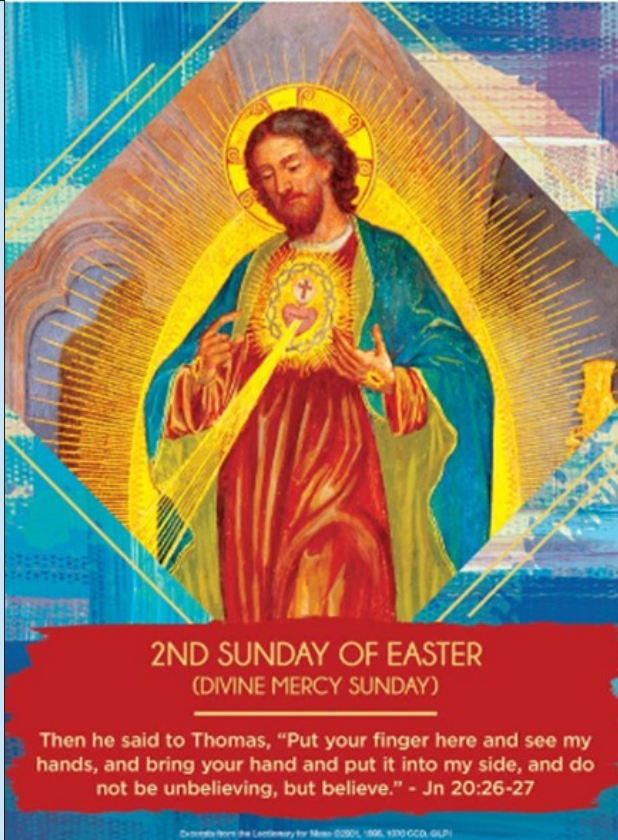
CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

Usher/Greeter Ministry

Mr. Mike Sinacori: (860) 202-9802

Women of St. Patrick's

Email: WSP@sp4c.org



**2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER
(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)**

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:26-27

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.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH



Saturday, April 15

5:00 pm Robert Ahern as requested by the Rourke Family

Sunday, April 16

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

10:00 am Dolly DiMeo as requested by Richard DiMeo

Monday, April 17

8:00 am No Mass

Tuesday, April 18

8:00 am No Mass

Wednesday April 19

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

Thursday, April 20

8:00 am No Mass

Friday, April 21

800 am No Mass

Saturday, April 22

5:00 pm Paul F. Bangs as requested by the Larry & Brenda Sullivan

Sunday April 23

8:00 am Paul F. Bangs

10:00 am Wilfram Beniquez as requested by Lori Kluessendorf

Faith Formation Calendar

April 23	5 th , 7 th , & 8 th grades	In Person @8:55-9:55 am
	First Holy Communion	First Reconciliation @4:45 pm
April 30	1 st , 3 rd , 4 th , & 6 th grades	In Person @8:55-9:55 am
May 6	First Holy Communion	FHC Celebration @10 am
May 7	First Holy Communion	Crowning Mass @10 am

*Class dates/times are subject to change.



The **Faith Formation Program** would like to extend a **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in our Lenten Almsgiving Project. With the generous donations made by our parishioners, we were able to make **150 Blessing Bags** for the less fortunate in our community! These bags were distributed at shelters and outreach programs in Bristol, Hartford, and Torrington – spreading love just in time for Easter. A special thank you to all of the students, parents, and Catechists who came to our packing event held on Sunday, April 2. Together, we were able to accomplish a lot of good in the little time we had!

Jessica Sanzo
Faith Formation Coordinator

Parish Support

Week of 4/4/23 to 4/12/23

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash):	\$ 3,607.91
Weekly Collection (Online Giving):	\$ 1,371.00
Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online):	\$4,978.91
Facilities-	\$ 265.00

Monthly- Easter

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash)	\$ 2,914 .00
Monthly Collection (Online Giving)	\$ 115 .00
Monthly Collection Total	\$3,029 .00

Grand Total: **\$ 8,272.91**

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



Parish Council Nominations

It's time to develop the list of nominees' to Parish Council. This year there are **6** opportunities to serve. We would like to have **3** adult members and **3** youth members. To apply you need to (i) be a registered parishioner (ii) have received the sacrament of confirmation and (iii) be living in accord with the teachings of the Church. Youth candidates must be 16 years of age or older.

To nominate yourself or others:

1. Fill out the information on the nomination ballot located in the pews
2. Drop the ballot in the designated box located in the vestibule
3. One nominee per form. If needed additional nomination forms are available.
4. The nominating process will be open until April 16, 2023. Election will be held over the last weekend in April and the first weekend in May



Women of St Patrick Scholarship Applications Now Available

Applications for the WSP Memorial Scholarship are now available in the vestibule of the church. The WSP will be presenting scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are active members in St Patrick Parish and plan to attend an institution of higher education in the Fall 2023. The scholarships are given in memory of the deceased members of the WSP and Ladies Guild.

Completed scholarship applications are due by **APRIL 26, 2023 at 12 noon!** Completed application may be submitted any time before April 26, 2023 and are to be placed in the designated box located in the vestibule of the church (Monday – Thursday 8:00 am – 3:30 pm or during normal mass hours) or in the marked box on the front porch of rectory (Monday – Thursday 10:00 am – 3:30 pm). **NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!**



A Whole Ocean of Graces

Divine Mercy Sunday (Year A)

Saint Faustina reports in her *Diary* what Jesus told her about Divine Mercy Sunday:

“My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are open all the divine floodgates through which graces flow” (*Diary* #699).

That day is today! It is the Feast of Divine Mercy! Today’s feast is among the newer feasts in our Church. Though Jesus’ desire that this feast be celebrated on the eighth day of Easter was spoken to Sister Maria Faustina Kowolska back in 1931, it was not solemnly instituted until the year 2000. On April 30 of that year, Saint Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina and inaugurated the Feast of Divine Mercy as a universal feast within the Church. Because this Feast is so recent within the Church, we can be certain that we still have much to learn about the message of this Solemnity as well as the numerous messages about God’s mercy revealed in Saint Faustina’s *Diary*.

Among the many messages contained within her *Diary*, Jesus revealed to us that this Sunday, the eighth and final day of the Octave of Easter, is a day like none other. Though grace and mercy are continuously poured out from Heaven upon us, Jesus is very clear that today is unique. Today, “a whole ocean of graces” is poured forth upon souls who approach the font of His mercy. Sit with that image for a time. “A whole ocean of graces.” What does that mean?

Symbolically speaking, a whole ocean is meant to depict the infinite. Try to imagine what it would be like to have the entire ocean poured upon you—it’s beyond comprehension! Thus, God is saying that the infinity of grace is given today. The question for us all to ponder is this: How receptive am I to those infinite graces?

By analogy, imagine that your life was like a thimble, and an ocean of water was poured upon you. As a thimble, you could not contain all that was given. Therefore, we should realize that God wants to stretch our capacity to receive His mercy more abundantly by widening our capacity for mercy. What if your soul were like a large pond? Still, the waters of the ocean could not be contained within that pond. What is it that is capable of receiving an entire ocean of mercy? Only an ocean can contain an ocean. For that reason, God desires to first prepare our souls to receive an infinity of mercy by transforming us into vessels of infinite capacity.

Saint Teresa of Ávila, in her spiritual classic, “Interior Castles,” teaches us that the soul is, indeed, capable of infinite capacity for the simple fact that God dwells within. The soul is like an interior castle with many interlinked

dwelling places through which we must pass so as to arrive at the central chamber. She teaches that the goal of the spiritual life is to travel through these various dwelling places to the center of our souls where the infinite God dwells so that we can be present to Him there. Therefore, we must understand that our souls are indeed capable of receiving the infinite waters of mercy, because God created us with this ability when He chose to live within us. The key to being able to fully receive this fullness of mercy is to seek out the infinite God, dwelling within. How is this done?

The heart of the path laid out in the *Diary* of Saint Faustina is as follows: Go to Confession and receive Holy Communion so as to obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. However, as many of the great spiritual writers explain, such as Saint Teresa of Ávila, there are many levels we must pass on our spiritual journey so as to be able to encounter God in His fullness. This, of course, includes encountering God’s mercy given to us in Holy Communion and Confession. Those who receive these Sacraments while dwelling only in the first dwelling places, for example, will never benefit from them to the extent that those who dwell in the seventh and central mansion where the King dwells in fullness. Thus, mercy is given in its fullness but unless we make the transforming journey to God through conversion and purification of our souls, we will never be able to receive the ocean of graces God bestows.

Reflect, today, upon this ocean being poured forth upon you. How much of this mercy are you able to receive right now in your life? As you humbly admit your limited openness to God’s grace, know that God patiently waits for you, dwelling in His fullness deep within you, waiting for you to make the journey to Him. Commit yourself to this journey by prayer, fasting, penance, the reading of Scripture, the celebration of the Sacraments and spiritual reading. There is an ocean of the fullness of life waiting for you. Dive in and allow His mercy to deepen your capacity to receive Him most fully.

My Lord, You are The Divine Mercy, the source of all grace and the Bestower of this grace in superabundance. I thank You for the infinity of Your generosity and pray that my soul will be more fully disposed to receive You. Please stretch the capacity of my soul through my ongoing journey of purification and conversion so that I will receive all that You wish to bestow. Jesus, I trust in You.

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St Matthew School Openings

St. Matthew School is excited to announce limited openings in Pre-K3 through Grade 8 for 2023-2024 and invites interested families to visit and apply today! We are an extraordinary learning community nestled in the Forestville section of Bristol, where we believe educating hearts and minds matter. SMS is a family where our caring and experienced teachers nurture each student as both a learner and child. For more information, call 860.583.5214 or visit stmatthewschool.com.



April 19	Holy Hour & Adoration 7: 00 pm
April 20	Bell Choir Rehearsal Church 7:00 pm
April 22	Tea by the Sea Luncheon Parish Hall 11:30 am
April 24	Human Needs Meeting Parish Hall 7:00 pm
April 26	Holy Hour & Adoration 7: 00 pm
April 27	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/1YFHzbjWd3BclwBp9>

QR CODE:



https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PfiK131WBT2RezanP6bjutzUySqiffxx/view?usp=share_link



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Regular Bulletin Deadline — Tuesdays, 12 pm

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