

# 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**

Email: WSP@sp4c.org



SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023

## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

Scripture 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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### **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, March 11

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick's

### Sunday, March 12

8:00 am Jane Lamothe as requested by Robert Lamothe

10:00 am Andrew & Dorothy DeVito as requested by the DeVito & St Gelais Families

### Monday, March 13

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

### Tuesday, March 14

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

### Wednesday March 15

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

### Thursday, March 16

8:00 am No Mass

### Friday, March 17

8:00 am No Mass

### Saturday, March 18

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick's

### Sunday March 19

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

10:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

## Faith Formation Calendar

March 12	1 <sup>st</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup>	In Person @8:55-9:55 am
March 13	First Holy Communion	In Person @6:00 pm
	4 <sup>th</sup> grade	Virtual @6:30 pm
March 15	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	Virtual @6 pm
March 18	5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Virtual @8:00 am
	7 <sup>th</sup> grade	Virtual @8:30 am
March 19	1 <sup>st</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , & 6 <sup>th</sup> grades	In Person @8:55-9:55 am

\*Class dates/times are subject to change.



### "Finding Renewal through the Psalms"

### Lenten Talk Series

Presented by

**Maureen O'Brien**

Monday evenings at 6:30 PM

St Patrick's Parish Hall

March 13<sup>th</sup>, March 20<sup>th</sup>, March 27<sup>th</sup>, April 3<sup>rd</sup> This is a free program. All are welcome!

<https://www.facebook.com/StPats4c/>

## Parish Support

### Week of 3/2/23 to 3/8/23

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 3,317.75  
 Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$1,449.00  
Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$4,766.75  
**Facilities-** \$ 100.00

### Monthly- Snow Plowing

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ 632.00  
 Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$ 305.00  
**Monthly Collection Total \$ 937.00**

**Grand Total: \$ 5,803.75**

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

Goal: \$30000

### 2022 ANNUAL PASTOR'S

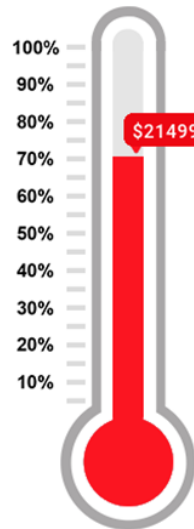
### APPEAL

As of 3/8/23, we have raised \$21,499 towards our goal of \$30,000.

**Thank you to those who have already contributed!**

If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider making a donation to the Pastor's Appeal. Donations of any amount are appreciated and will go towards covering the cost of a digital Carrillons bell system for the church tower and also for retiling the Parish Hall.

*Thank You!*



### St Patrick's Church - Monthly Collections for January, February and March 2023

Due to the offering envelope mailing issue, it was requested that the upcoming monthly collections be listed in the bulletin so parishioners would know of them ahead of time.

March 12 Facilities Fund  
 March 19 AOH Catholic Relief Services  
 March 26 Easter Flowers & Decorations



### St Patrick's Day Dinner March 18<sup>th</sup>

Dinner will be served following the 5 pm mass in the Parish Hall. Corned beef, chicken or pasta served family style. Get your tickets now through March 12<sup>th</sup>. Adults \$20, children free.



**Living Water for a Thirsty Soul**  
*The Third Sunday of Lent (Year A)*

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." [John 4:5-7](#)

Today, throughout the world, Catholic liturgies will celebrate the first of three Scrutinies of those adults who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. The word "scrutiny" comes from the Latin word *scrutari* which means an inquiry, close examination or search of something. It originally referred to rummaging through rubbish so as to find something of value. In a sense, this is what God does with all of us. When we first turn to Him, He sorts through the disorder of our fallen human nature and our sins so as to point to the goodness and beauty of the child He created. As for the liturgical rite that will be celebrated in churches throughout the world today, the *Right of Christian Initiation of Adults* describes it as follows: "The scrutinies are meant to uncover, and then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good" (#141). The Gospel story we read today depicts this action beautifully. It is the long and inspiring story of the woman at the well. This story is filled with symbolism, much of which the casual reader could easily miss.

To begin, it is important to prayerfully imagine the scene. Jesus was all alone sitting next to Jacob's Well around noon. Few women would come to the well at that time of day due to the heat. But this woman came at this time because she knew others would not be around. She was a sinner, and many of the other women of the town knew it. Therefore, in an attempt to avoid them and avoid feeling shame, she came at a time when she could avoid the other women. So the first thing to consider is the suffering this woman was enduring because of her shame and embarrassment over her sinful life.

As she approached the well, she was surprised to hear Jesus ask her for a drink. She was a Samaritan. Jews generally considered Samaritans as ritually unclean. For that reason, Jews would not drink from their vessels. But Jesus broke this unholiness custom and looked at her as a daughter of God with innate dignity and value as He engaged her in conversation.

Within the heat of the day, Jesus spoke lovingly to this woman and said, "Give me a drink." Saint Augustine states that, symbolically speaking, Jesus thirsted for her soul, for her salvation. He longed to give her the grace soon to be won through His Cross. Her willing reception of this gift would also bring satiation to the Heart of our Lord. Jesus didn't dwell upon her past; He knew all about it. He could read her soul. All He wanted to do was to rummage through the sin and rubbish that was cluttering her soul so as to discover her dignity within. If she were to allow Jesus to offer her this mercy, not only would she receive true Living Water to quench her spiritual thirst, she would also satiate the spiritual thirst in the soul of

our Lord that could only be satiated by the dispensing of His mercy.

As we celebrate the Scrutinies this Sunday, reflect upon this woman at the well. First, she is a symbol of every person coming to faith in Christ and preparing for the Living Water of Baptism this Easter. But she is also a symbol of your own soul, to the extent that it has become cluttered with the rubbish of sin and disorder. Do not let shame, fear or a sense of unworthiness deter you from engaging in this same conversation with our Lord. Hear Him say to you that He thirsts for you and longs to be satiated by the sacred act of the ongoing bestowal of His Divine Mercy, poured forth through the Living Water superabundantly given to you at your baptism.

*My thirsting Lord, You see me, peer deeply into my soul, see all the filth of sin and disorder and love me anyway. As You spoke to this woman at the well, so You also speak to me, asking me to satiate Your thirst by being open to Your mercy. I do open myself to You, dear Lord, and pray that Your Living Water will become a spring of water welling up to eternal life. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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**St. Patrick Parish**  
**Annual**  
**Spring Luncheon**

Please plan on attending a relaxing afternoon at the Annual Spring Luncheon. Enjoy an afternoon of delicious food, fun and friendship. In addition to the lunch there will be a delectable dessert table and teacup auction! Ticket sales will begin after the weekend masses starting March 18/19,

2023. For more information or questions, please contact Brenda Sullivan at 860-693-2847. Tickets are limited!! Please reserve your spot now!!



**WOMEN OF ST PATRICK**  
**MARCH MEETING & BINGO**  
**Tuesday - March 14, 2023 - 6:30pm**

All women of the parish are invited to attend the WSP March meeting! Following the business meeting, light refreshments will be served and BINGO. This is a great opportunity to enjoy a night out, meet new friends and learn what the WSP have planned for the upcoming year.

*Hope to see you there!*





Mar 13	Confession 6:00pm-7:00pm
	Lent program with Maureen O'Brien 6:30 pm Church Choir Loft
Mar 14	Women of St. Patrick March Meeting at Bingo 6:30pm
Mar 15	Holy Hour/ Eucharistic Adoration 7:00 pm
Mar 16	Bell Choir Rehearsal Church 7:00 pm
Mar 17	Stations of the Cross 7:00pm
Mar 18	Saint Patrick's Day Dinner- Following 5pm Mass -6:00pm
Mar 20	Lent program with Maureen O'Brien 6:30 pm Church Choir Loft
Mar 22	Holy Hour / Eucharistic Adoration 7:00 pm
Mar 23	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>

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