

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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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



SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Mt 4:19

Excerpt 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, January 21

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick's

Sunday, January 22

8:00 am Claudia Reed as requested by the Russo Family

10:00 am Claudia Reed as requested by the Russo Family

Monday, January 23

8:00 am No Mass

Tuesday, January 24

8:00 am No Mass

Wednesday, January 25

8:00 am Claudia Reed as requested by the Russo Family

Thursday, January 26

8:00 am No Mass

Friday, January 27

8:00 am No Mass

Saturday, January 28

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick's

Sunday January 29

8:00 am Claudia Reed as requested by the Russo Family

10:00 am Claudia Reed as requested by the Russo Family

Faith Formation Calendar

January 22	1 st , 5 th , 7 th , 8 th grades	In Person @8:55-9:55 am
	Confirmation	In Person @11:15 am
January 23	First Holy Communion	In Person @6 pm
	4 th grade	Virtual @6:30 pm
January 28	5 th grade	Virtual @8 am
		Virtual @8:30 am
January 29	1 st , 5 th , 7 th , 8 th grades	In Person @8:55-9:55 am
January 30	First Holy Communion	In Person @6 pm
February 5	1 st , 5 th , 7 th , 8 th grades	In Person @8:55-9:55 am
	YOUTH MASS	@10 am
	Confirmation	In Person @11:30 am

*Class dates/times are subject to change.



February Youth Mass

Please join us for our next *youth mass* scheduled for **Sunday, February 5, at 10 am**. All young parishioners are invited to attend with their families. Children and young adults are welcome to sing during this mass. If you would like to sing, please arrive at 9:15 am to rehearse in the music loft.

Parish Support

Week of 1/12/23 to 1/18/23

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 2,554.23

Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$1,288.00

Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$3,842.23

Facilities- \$ 150.00

Monthly- N/A

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$.00

Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$.00

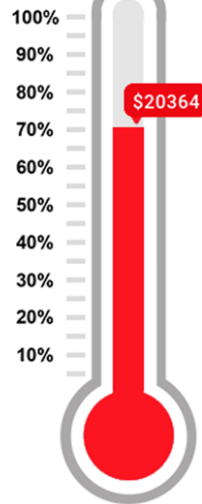
Monthly Collection Total \$ **.00**

Grand Total: **\$ 3,992.23**

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

Goal: \$30000

2022 ANNUAL PASTOR'S APPEAL



As of 1/18/23, we have raised **\$20,364** 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.

January 22	Archdiocese Catholic High School
February 5	Snow Plowing
February 12	Facilities Fund
March 5	Snow Plowing
March 12	Facilities Fund
March 19	AOH Catholic Relief Services
March 26	Easter Flowers & Decorations

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



A New Era of Hope

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” [Matthew 4:17](#)

In Matthew’s Gospel, from which we read today, we hear the first words spoken by our Lord as He begins His public ministry: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

Up until this point, Matthew’s Gospel presented us with Jesus’ genealogy, His birth, the story of the Magi, the Holy Family’s flight into Egypt, the slaughter of the Holy Innocents, Jesus’ baptism, the preaching of Saint John the Baptist and Jesus’ forty days in the desert. Now, after these introductory stories of Jesus’ life, we enter into His public ministry.

Recall that John had just been imprisoned, thus concluding his public ministry. Therefore, the time for the preaching and ministry of the Son of God had arrived. And though Jesus continues the theme of repentance started by John, Jesus takes John’s words further. Jesus adds something that John could not: “The kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

Since we are still at the beginning of the season of Ordinary Time, it’s important to understand this transition from the Old Testament prophets, of which John was the last, to the New Testament preaching of our Lord. The difference is that all that had been prophesied and pointed to in the Old Testament had now arrived. Saint Jerome, in commenting upon this passage, says that as the Old Testament Law ceased, the Gospel commenced. And, of course, the fulfillment of this new era of the Gospel was only a few short years away when our Lord would offer up His life for the salvation of many.

As Jesus begins His preaching, His words are challenging but also very hopeful. By saying that “the kingdom of heaven is at hand,” Jesus stirs interest and holy curiosity among His first listeners. His call to repentance was softened by His new proclamation about the Kingdom.

One helpful insight we can take from these first words of Jesus’ public ministry is that this is the best way to share the Gospel with those who do not yet follow Christ. Oftentimes, when we see someone living in serious sin, we want to judge and condemn. But usually what they need the most is hope—hope that there is something much greater that comes from repentance. Certainly we need to speak against sin. But one of the most effective ways to do so is by initially offering the listener hope of something much better than the sin with which they struggle—specifically, the hope of the Kingdom of God.

Reflect, today, upon the newness of the ministry of Jesus, the newness of the first proclamation of the Gospel. As you do, try to imagine the holy curiosity that many would have had as they first listened to Jesus preach. Soon He would follow up His preaching with many signs and wonders that would confirm His message. But at first, Jesus simply instilled a hope in His hearers. As you ponder this, think about those in your life who also need this initial sense of hope and holy curiosity

about the Gospel and pray that God will inspire you and use you to be an instrument of this merciful message..

Lord, as You began Your public ministry of proclaiming the Kingdom of Heaven, You instilled hope and a holy curiosity in the minds and hearts of Your first hearers. Please continue this good work and use me as You will to be an instrument of this hope in those I encounter every day. Jesus, I trust in You.

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Attention : Church Envelope Mailing Issues!

We received word that our church envelope company is having delays in offering envelope mailings. The offering envelopes will resume and be delivered by the first Sunday in March. Quarterly supply will restart in April.

You may place your donation in any plain white envelope, putting your name & offering envelope number on it.

Or your offertory donations can be made online by clicking the link on our website or by visiting: <https://osvhub.com/sp4c/funds>.

WELCOME BACK

The following men of St. Patrick’s return from a very powerful and spiritual retreat at Holy Family Retreat Center. The theme for this retreat, “A Missing Peace” focused on finding Peace in your hearts, family, country and the world. A total of 85 Men attended the retreat including 17 from “St. Patrick’s”

Kevin Brophy, Brian Curran , Bill Egan, Tom Fausel, Peter Fortier, Jeff LeDuc, Al McGunnigle, Art Murelli, Kevin Noel, Mike Poirier, Moe Poirier, Bob Russo, John Russo, Larry Sullivan, Tom Turrick, Tom Whalen, Bob Wilusz and Jay Zionce. Congratulations to Bill Egan who was recognized for achieving his 40th retreat. It was Tom Whalen's first retreat with us.

Special thanks to Terry St. Gelais for all her support with bulletin announcements etc. Thanks to Noel Terranova from the Holy Family Retreat Team for visiting us on Dec 18 to invite parishioners (Men and Women) to make time to attend a retreat. Thanks also to Nancy and Art Murelli, Kris David, Michelle Brophy, Jeanne Banfield, Dolores Poirier, Rich Stoops, Jay Zionce, Mark Niehaus, Bob Wilusz. and John Russo for all their help with hosting the coffee hour. Last but not least, thanks to Deacon Ken for joining us on Saturday and Michael Poirier for doing our group pictures.

Retreat Chairmen; Moe Poirier and Tom Turrick.



In Loving Memory

“Phyllis Fabiszak”

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



Jan 22	Confirmation Parish Hall 11:00 PM
Jan 25	Holy Hours and Eucharistic Adoration 7:00 pm
Jan 26	Bell Choir Rehearsal Church 7:00 pm

No Greater Love -A Biblical Walk through Christ's Passion

Our Lady of Hope Parish will be offering a five-part Bible study starting Feb 7th at 6:30 PM at Trinita. No Greater Love, A Biblical Walk through Christ's Passion, covers every step of the way thru the passion the last days of Jesus life.

The suggested donation for text and hospitality is \$30. For more information or to register contact Yvonne or Richard Stoops (ystoops@gmail.com) or 860-693-1913 or Ken Foisie at 860-678-7922.

Note: You can register and donate at the first class on Feb 7th.



St Paul's High School

St Paul Catholic High School will hold its winter **open house campus tour on January 28th with tours beginning at 10 am**. If you or someone you know has a prospective student looking to attend St Paul in the 2023/2024 school year this is the open house you'll want to visit. All tours are by appointment and each family will take a guided tour around our campus building. Visit <https://spchs.com/openhouse> to register for an appointment time.

Also St Paul Catholic High School will hold a **Placement Exam** for prospective students grade 9 and grade 10. The Placement Exam is a standardized test that incoming students take which evaluates their performance in math, language and reading. This exam will be held on Saturday, February 11 at 8 am. To register visit <https://spchs.com/placementexam>.

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