

# 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**

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, APRIL 23, 2023

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



They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" - Lk 24:33-34

Scripture from the Lectionary for Mass 02001, 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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*Music Director*

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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, 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 Healing Mass for Wilfram Beniquez

#### Monday, April 24

8:00 am Mary Pfau as requested by Paul Pfau

#### Tuesday, April 25

8:00 am Paul F. Bangs as requested by Jane Lamberty

#### Wednesday April 26

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

#### Thursday, April 27

8:00 am No Mass

#### Friday, April 28

800 am No Mass

#### Saturday, April 29

5:00 pm Edward & Rita Kozlak as requested by The Kozlak Family

#### Sunday April 30

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

10:00 am James E. Sweet as requested by the Family

### Faith Formation Calendar

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| April 23 | 5 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , & 8 <sup>th</sup> grades                   | In Person @8:55-9:55 am       |
|          | First Holy Communion   | First Reconciliation @4:45 pm |
| April 30 | 1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , & 6 <sup>th</sup> 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.



#### CHOICE WINE and CHEESE GATHERING!

The Men's Fraternity is hosting a "Choice Wine and Cheese" information session on a new Marriage and Family Life Program beginning at St. Patrick's called, THE CHOICE WINE: Seven Steps to a Superabundant Marriage. Wine and cheese will be freely sponsored by the fraternity on Thursday, April 27th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. (You may bring your own favorite wine too.) Please see the bulletin insert for more information.



#### "IT'S SPRING"

Time to plan on the Helen Dlubac Memorial Geranium Sale - Saturday May 13, 2023. Details to follow,,,,,"

## Parish Support

### Week of 4/13/23 to 4/19/23

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 2,745.00

Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$ 1,207.00

Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$3,952.00

**Facilities-** \$ 340.00

### Monthly- N/A

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ .00

Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$ .00

**Monthly Collection Total** \$ **.00**

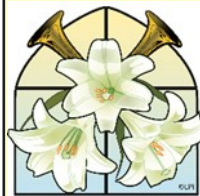
**Grand Total:** \$ **4,292.00**

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



### Women of St Patrick Scholarship Applications Due by April 26th

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 Heartfelt Thank you

Heartfelt gratitude is extended to all those who volunteered countless hours in helping to prepare our Liturgical celebrations for Easter.

A parish requires a team of dedicated volunteers who share their love for Jesus and our parish by giving of their time and talent.

From those who help transform the environment for the various Liturgical seasons, we are grateful... you are all such a blessing.

We especially would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Easter Flowers/Decorations.

Your monetary contributions helped provide a beautiful environment from Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday. This included everything from pots, plants, and other supplies, as well as the formal arrangement used for Holy Thursday and Easter.

*Your generosity was greatly appreciated!*





### Understanding Dispel Doubt

*Third Sunday of Easter (Year A)*

“But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive.” [Luke 24:21-23](#)

The day on which our Lord rose from the dead, some of the women who had accompanied Him went to the tomb to anoint Jesus’ body and found the tomb empty. An angel spoke to them of Jesus’ Resurrection and then these women went to tell the disciples what they saw. The reaction of the disciples is recorded this way: “but their story seemed like nonsense and they did not believe them.”

Later that day, two of those doubting disciples were traveling on foot to the town of Emmaus. As they traveled, they were “conversing and debating” about what had happened to Jesus and also about what these women reported to them. It is clear from their words that they were quite confused and discouraged about what was happening. They encountered our Lord in His public ministry. They had listened to His powerful teachings. They witnessed His miracles. They had hoped that He was the Messiah. But then they saw Him arrested, humiliated, beaten, crucified and killed. Jesus’ death took a serious toll on them and made them question their faith in Him. And even after they heard that He had risen, they couldn’t bring themselves to believe. Thus, they traveled the road to Emmaus—discouraged, confused and doubting.

As these disciples walked along, our Lord appeared to them, but they did not recognize Him in His resurrected form. They expressed their confusion to Him and Jesus finally said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” After Jesus went on and explained the Scriptures to them, they were hungry for more. They asked this stranger to stay with them and He did. That evening, Jesus broke bread with them, and in that sacramental act, they recognized Him before He vanished from their eyes.

We must see ourselves in these disciples. There are many things in life that can lead us to discouragement. When we strive to follow God’s will but find that things have not turned out how we expected, there is a temptation to doubt. Why is that? What is the cause of doubt? More than anything else, doubts and discouragement come from our failure to understand the perfect plan of God for our lives. If these disciples had understood, from the beginning, all that Jesus explained to them on the road to Emmaus, they would not have despaired. They would not have lost hope. So also with us, when we begin to lose hope in our lives, it is primarily because we have failed **to** understand the divine plan for

lives correctly. We have failed to see that God permits certain things for His glory. He permits certain hardships to deepen our faith and trust in Him. When we fail to see His permissive will in all things, we will become discouraged and confused.

Reflect, today, upon these two disciples. They had the incredible privilege of spending much time with our Lord during His public ministry, seeing His miracles and hearing His sermons. But when the Cross ensued, they doubted and despaired. Let these disciples witness to you and reveal to you any ways that you fall into similar temptations. Do you have perfect hope in God and His plan for your life? Or do you allow the various crosses you endure to confuse you and lead you to doubt? Allow our Lord to appear to you through prayer and reveal to you His perfect plan. Be open to the gift of understanding by trusting that the wisdom of God will dispel every temptation you have toward doubt, replacing it with trust and hope.

*Lord of perfect wisdom, Your plan for my life is perfect and glorious beyond imagination. Too often, I fail to understand Your will and fall into confusion and doubt. Please open my mind to Your truth and help me to see everything from Your perspective so that I will always walk with hope and trust in You. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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- Pope Benedict XVI

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### Congratulations to

**Alexander Heinen and Jessica Zebrowski**

On receiving the Sacrament of Marriage on Friday, April 21, 2023 here at St Patrick's Church

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



### Baptism

Congratulations to the parents of Nico Blair Grosso

He was baptized here on April 16, 2023



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| 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                                    |
| April 27 | Men's Fraternity Choice Wine & Cheese Gathering 6:30 pm in Parish Hall |
| April 28 | Holy Communion Rehearsal 6:00 pm in Church                             |
| May 2    | Parish Council Meeting 6:30 pm in Parish Hall                          |



### **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>

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### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

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

### **Regular Bulletin Deadline — Tuesdays, 12 pm**

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