

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."

Serving the communities of Avon, Burlington, Canton, Collinsville and St. Thérèse, Lilavois, Haiti



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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

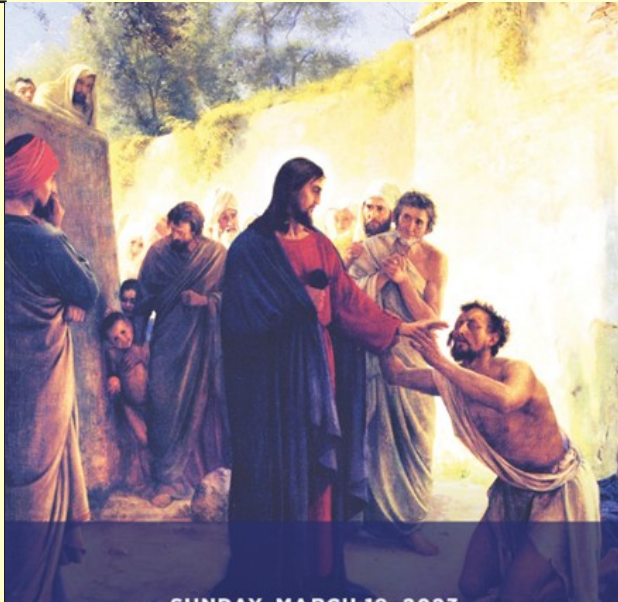
CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

Usher/Greeter Ministry

Mr. Mike Sinacori: (860) 202-9802

Women of St. Patrick's

Email: WSP@sp4c.org



SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" - Jn 9:35

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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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Chris Casey

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.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



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

Monday, March 20

8:00 am Margaret Downey as requested by Paula & Bill Allan

Tuesday, March 21

8:00 am Judith White as requested by Paula & Bill Allan

Wednesday March 22

8:00 am Edith Bakker as requested by Paula & Bill Allan

Thursday, March 23

8:00 am No Mass

Friday, March 24

8:00 am No Mass

Saturday, March 25

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick's

Sunday March 26

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

10:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

Faith Formation Calendar

March 19	1 st , 4 th , & 6 th grades	In Person @8:55-9:55 am
March 26	5 th , 7 th , 8 th grades	In Person @8:55-9:55 am
March 27	First Holy Communion	In Person @6 pm
April 1	5 th grade	Virtual @8 am
	7 th grade	Virtual @8:30 am
April 2	1 st , 3 rd , 4 th , 6 th grades (All grades invited to work on Almsgiving Project)	In Person @8:55-9:55 am
April 3	First Holy Communion	In Person @6 pm

*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 20th, March 27th, April 3rd. This is a free program. All are welcome!

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

Parish Support

Week of 3/9/23 to 3/15/23

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 2,659.50

Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$1,287.00

Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$3,946.50

Facilities- \$ 245.00

Monthly- N/A

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$.00

Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$.00

Monthly Collection Total \$ **.00**

Grand Total: \$ **4,191.50**

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

Goal: \$30000

2022 ANNUAL PASTOR'S

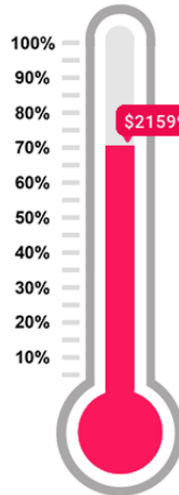
APPEAL

As of 3/15/23, we have raised **\$21,599** 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!



EASTER YOUTH CHOIR

Anyone interested in joining the Easter Youth Choir? We could still use a few more singers!

Rehearsals for our Easter Youth Choir will begin on Sunday, March 26th, after the 10:00am Mass. in the choir loft. This group will be singing for the 10:00 am Easter Sunday Mass. Rehearsals run from 11:00 am to 12 noon. Anyone who is interested should contact our Music Director, Chris Casey, at kycasey@aol.com or call 860-904-8138. (Or just show up after the 10:00 mass on March 26th).



From the Admin Ass't Desk:

I would like to thank Kristine Dobrowolski, Sharon Fuller and Stacy Coates for providing coverage while I was on vacation during the month of Feb. I appreciate the effort you all made to cover for me during my period of absence. Thank you!

Terry St Gelais



The Holy Drama of Grace
The Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year A)

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. [John 9:35-38](#)

This is the conclusion to the story of the healing of the man born blind. It is the fifth of seven signs (miracles) in John's Gospel that point to the divinity of our Lord. This healing especially confirmed Jesus' teaching from the previous chapter: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" ([John 8:12](#)). Jesus was the Light Who came to dispel all darkness, and now He illustrates this fact by opening the eyes of the blind man. This story is quite long and detailed. The details it includes makes it much more than a miracle. It is also a dramatic story revealing both the consequences of rejecting Jesus, as well as the blessings received by one who turns to Jesus in faith.

We begin with the detail that this man has been blind since birth. It was a common misconception at that time that such a birth defect might have been caused by the sins of the parents. In part, this came from a misreading of [Exodus 20:5-6](#) in which God said that He inflicts punishment "on the children of those who hate me, down to the third and fourth generation." Jesus makes it clear that this was not the case; this man's blindness was a result of the natural disorder experienced by humanity as a result of original sin. If humanity had never been cast out of the Garden of Eden, disease and natural disorders would have never existed. For this reason, we should understand that we are all "blind" in the sense of being born into the state of original sin and are, therefore, in need of the grace of spiritual sight.

The healing of this man is done purely on Jesus' initiative. This shows that God's healing action in our lives is always His initiative. But Jesus clearly offered this man healing because He knew the man would eventually come to faith in Him, which is the far more important healing that took place in this story.

After the man is healed, a very interesting drama unfolds. The Pharisees hear of the healing and begin to interrogate the man. Afterwards, they also interrogate the man's parents and then the man for a second time. Throughout their interrogations, two things happen. First, the Pharisees slowly become more agitated, more irrational and end by completely rejecting both this miraculous sign and Jesus Himself. The man, however, begins with what appears to be a bit of ignorance about Jesus, but as he is interrogated and challenged to explain his healing, he deepens and clarifies his convictions, ending in the deepest faith when he cries out to Jesus, "I do believe, Lord." Then we are told that the man worshiped Jesus.

The dramatic unfolding of this story teaches us that when we are given the grace of God by hearing His holy Word spoken

and witnessing His mighty hand at work, we must make a choice. Either we will respond in faith and slowly be drawn deeper into that faith, or we will rationalize it away and reject God's saving action in our lives. It is not possible to simply remain indifferent to the Gospel when we hear it spoken or when we see its effects changing us or others.

Reflect, today, upon the two paths this sign from Heaven had on those present to this miracle. You, too, are present to this miracle through your reading of it. How will you respond? Will you imitate the Pharisees and discount the deep spiritual truths this action conveys? Or will you open yourself to the transforming power of this healing? Commit yourself to the path of this blind man. Say to our Lord, "I do believe, Lord." Apply those words to every action of Jesus in your life and allow that faith to lead you into worship of Him Who is the Light of the World.

Jesus, Light of the World, You came to dispel the darkness caused by original sin. You came to heal our blindness and open the eyes of our souls to Your true Light. Please open my eyes so that I may see, and give me the courage I need to profess my faith in You and worship You with all my heart. Jesus, I trust in You.

@2023 My Catholic Life



St Patrick Parish
Annual
Spring Luncheon

Please plan on attending a relaxing afternoon at the Annual Spring Luncheon. 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!!



WOMEN OF ST PATRICK
MARCH MEETING & BINGO

Rescheduled for
Tuesday - March 21, 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!

St Patrick's Church -Monthly Collections for
March 2023

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| March 19 | AOH Catholic Relief Services |
| March 26 | Easter Flowers & Decorations |



Mar 20	Confession 6:00 pm-7:00pm
	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
Mar 24	Stations of the Cross 7:00pm
Mar 27	Lent program with Maureen O'Brien 6:30 pm Church Choir Loft
	Confession 6:00 pm-7:00pm
Mar 29	Lenten Day of Prayer and Adoration — following the 8:00 am mass
Mar 30	Bell Choir Rehearsal Church 7:00 pm
Mar 31	Stations of the Cross 7:00pm



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:



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