

# 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**

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#### **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 30, 2023

## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3

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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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### **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 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

### Monday, May 1

8:00 am Mary Pfau as requested by Jane Lamberty

### Tuesday, May 2

8:00 am Michael Salonia requested by Paula Allan

### Wednesday May 3

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

### Thursday, May 4

8:00 am No Mass

### Friday, May 5

8:00 am No Mass

### Saturday, May 6

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick's

### Sunday May 7

8:00 am Frank & Carol Lauretti requested by the Masotti Family

10:00 am Regina Pilitowski as requested by her children

## Faith Formation Calendar

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.



### "Think Spring"

Time to plan on the Helen Dlubac Memorial Geranium Sale - Saturday May 20 2023.  
Details to follow,,,,,"



### WOMEN OF ST PATRICK MAY MEETING & SALAD NIGHT



Tuesday-May 9, 2023 - 6:30pm

All women of the parish are invited to attend the WSP May meeting. Following the business meeting, the WSP will enjoy a "Salad night!"

Salad greens, tomatoes and a variety of salad dressings will be provided. Each person is asked to bring their favorite salad ingredient or topping to share!

Coffee, tea, and desserts will also be served.

Please plan to attend this fun and informative evening! This is a great opportunity to have a girls night out and meet other women in our parish!

## Parish Support

### Week of 4/20/23 to 4/27/23

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 2,040.00

Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$ 1,077.00

Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$3,117.00

**Facilities-** \$ 60.00

### Monthly- N/A

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ .00

Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$ .00

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

**Grand Total:** \$ **3,177.00**

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



### You Asked!!

#### WHY DO WE HAVE MORE THAN ONE COLLECTION PER WEEK?

#### Regular Weekly Collections:

The Regular Weekly Collections are our weekly offering to God. After the collections, the basket is usually brought to the altar with gifts of bread and wine. In our parish, we often place the collection at the side of the altar as a symbol of our offering to God, who in exchange gives us Himself in the Holy Eucharist offered on the altar.

#### Monthly Collections:

The monthly collections are specifically for the parish and differ depending on the time of the year. In winter, the monthly collections may be designated for heating oil or snow plowing. It may be specified for lawn care or the cemetery in the summer. The monthly parish collections typically fall on the first weekends of the month.

#### Hartford Archdiocesan Second Collections:

Throughout the year, we have various Second Collections required by the Archdiocese. Of the funds collected for the Archdiocesan collections, 100% are sent to the Archdiocese, and none is kept within our parish. These collections are intended to assist groups or organizations within the Archdiocese and beyond. For instance, we have an Archdiocesan collection specific to Catholic schools, an annual fundraiser providing vital support to the Catholic schools within the Archdiocese.

#### Other Emergency Second Collections:

Sometimes, there may be special emergency collections when there is a world or country disaster or emergency. 100% of funds collected through such Emergency Second Collections are sent to the victims through the Archdiocese's official channel.

#### St. Patrick's Collections Policy:

Our policy is not to have more than two collections in one Mass. The annual parish financial report, typically shared with the parishioners in March, reflects the financial information and funds collected through various collections.



### Hearing and Following His Voice

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year A)—Good Shepherd Sunday

Jesus said: “Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.” [John 10:1-3](#)

The people of Jesus’ time would have easily understood this story. It was common practice for shepherds to talk to their sheep throughout the day so that the sheep became familiar with the shepherd’s voice as he led them through various pastures for grazing. At night, several shepherds would bring their sheep together within secured gates for safety. In the morning, each shepherd would then call to his sheep and, because they knew their shepherd’s voice, the sheep would follow their own shepherd and not the others.

The first question for each of us to ask ourselves today is this: Do I know the voice of the Shepherd? Have I become so familiar with His voice that I can clearly distinguish His voice from others? Try to imagine the image of several shepherds all calling their sheep at once. This is an image of the competing voices we encounter in our lives. But only one of those voices is the voice of God. Do you know His voice? Or do you become confused with the many other impulses, desires and attractions that vie for your attention?

Jesus continued his teaching by saying that He is not only the Shepherd whose voice is known by the sheep, but He is also the gate. “I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.” What does our Lord mean when He calls Himself the gate?

As the Gate, He is the Word of God, revealed to us through the Scriptures. Fidelity to the Word of God is one of the surest ways to the life of grace. He is the Word of Truth as it is handed down and expounded upon by the Magisterium, the teaching authority of the Church. Fidelity to the authentic teaching of the Magisterium, especially when the Holy Father speaks in union with the bishops, will help us navigate the many errors of our age. Jesus is made present to us through the Sacraments, which are the door to His grace and the entryway to the food for our spiritual lives. Furthermore, any time our Lord comes to us, through holy preaching, the witness and teaching of the saints, and the life of prayer within the Church, or in any other way, we enter the gate and are admitted into His verdant pastures.

Jesus is the gate, not only for the sheep but for each of the shepherds who lead the sheep in His name. These are the pastors of the Church who have been entrusted with the mission of Christ to lead God’s people. Today, if a shepherd of the Church fails to preach Jesus Christ, then that shepherd “comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy.” Pastors of the Church must humbly listen carefully to these words so that they never fail to shepherd God’s people by leading them through the Gate, Who is Christ Himself.

They must all be faithful to the whole Tradition of our Church, handed on throughout the ages, and not deviate from the pure and holy deposit of faith. If they preach their own gospel, or are negligent or misleading in their preaching, then they are not true shepherds. God’s true sheep will not recognize them. But if they are faithful to all that Jesus has taught, then they will lead the sheep through the gate and become shepherds in union with the Heart of the Good Shepherd.

Reflect, today, upon the image of Christ the Good Shepherd, calling to us in a variety of ways. We must learn His true voice through faith and prayer. Once we recognize His voice, we will more easily discover Him ministering to us, inspiring us, and inviting us to the life of grace by encountering Him as the source and way to this new life

*Good Shepherd, You speak to me continuously, revealing to me Your presence and guidance in my life. May I become so familiar with Your sacred Voice that I will always recognize it. Lead me to Yourself, the glorious Gate to the life of grace, and transform me into a faithful and obedient sheep. Jesus, my Good Shepherd, I trust in You.*

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“Become familiar with the Bible so that it can be your compass pointing out the road to follow.”

- Pope Benedict XVI



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**COME TO PRAY** The church is opened from 8:00 am—4:00pm, Monday through Wednesday for anyone who wishes to come & pray. Please use the side door near the water fountain.





May 2	Parish Council Meeting 6:30 pm in Parish Hall
May 3	Holy Hour & Adoration 7: 00 pm
May 4	Bell Choir Rehearsal Church 7:00 pm
May 4	Men's Fraternity Marriage & Family Life Program 6:30 pm Parish Hall
May 5	Holy Communion Rehearsal 6:00 pm
May 6	First Holy Communion Celebration 10:00 am



### **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:

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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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