

# 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**

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, FEBRUARY 5, 2023

## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." - Mt 5:14

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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



**Saturday, February 4**  
 5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick's

**Sunday, February 5**  
 8:00 am Carol Lauretti as requested by the Masotti Family  
 10:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

**Monday, February 6**  
 8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

**Tuesday, February 7**  
 8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

**Wednesday February 8**  
 8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

**Thursday, February 9**  
 8:00 am No Mass

**Friday, February 10**  
 8:00 am No Mass

**Saturday, February 11**  
 5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick's

**Sunday February 12**  
 8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's  
 10:00 am Alice Horton as requested by Greg Horton

## Faith Formation Calendar

January 30	First Holy Communion	In Person @6 pm
February 5	5 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> grades	In Person @8:55-9:55 am
	YOUTH MASS	@10 am
	Confirmation	In Person @11:30 am
February 8	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	Virtual @6pm
February 12	1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup>	In person @8:55-9:55 am
February 13	First Holy Communion	In Person @6pm
February 19	Confirmation Retreat	

\*Class dates/times are subject to change.

**St. Patrick's Parish Office Update!**  
**Terry St. Gelais**, our Parish Administrative Assistant, is away and will return to the office on **Monday, March 6, 2023**. The regular office hours of **Monday through Thursday, 10. am to 4 pm** will remain unchanged. We have different people, including **Kristine Dobrowolski, Sharon Fuller, and Stacy Coates**, helping us with covering the office tasks during the period. However, if you call when no one can answer the phone immediately, please leave a message with your number. We will certainly get back to you as soon as possible. Also, please feel free to send us an email at: [aa@sp4c.org](mailto:aa@sp4c.org). Thank you for your patient understanding and cooperation.

## Parish Support

### Week of 1/26/23 to 2/1/23

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 2,925.00  
 Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$1,588.00  
Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$4,513.00

### Monthly- N/A

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ 40.00  
 Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$ 105.00  
Monthly Collection Total \$ 145.00

**Grand Total: \$ 4658.00**

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

Goal: \$30000

### 2022 ANNUAL PASTOR'S APPEAL

As of 2/1/23, we have raised **\$20,624** 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.

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming the following newly registered parishioner to St Patrick's Parish

**Mary Jane Hollenbeck**



## The Light of the World

### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." [Matthew 5:14-16](#)

We've all experienced a time when the lights went out and we were in darkness. In this case, if you were to light a candle and place it in the center of the room, its light would make quite a difference. One candle in a darkened room transforms that room, making it a more comfortable dwelling place.

Using that image, consider the first line in Jesus' metaphor above. "You are the light of the world." Try to see yourself as that single candle in the darkness. That is your mission. Just as a single candle can give light to an entire room, so you are capable of being a source of light for many others.

One of the primary missions we have all received in life is to allow the light of God's grace to "shine before others." The result of fulfilling this mission is that others will see our good deeds that were inspired by God, and they will, in turn, glorify the Father in Heaven. Thus, your mission of radiating the light of Christ for others results in God being praised and glorified.

This full statement of Jesus is especially helpful to consider when we struggle with pride. Pride is a way of pointing to ourselves. It's an act of selfishness by which we place ourselves in the spotlight as a way of trying to become the object of others' praise. But what Jesus tells us is that when we properly fulfill our role of being the light of the world, when we radiate the Light of Christ, others will be inspired not to praise us but rather to glorify God as He acts through us. This is quite a difference.

With that being said, the beautiful thing about God being glorified is that God often wants us to share in that glory. That means that if you were to do an act of charity for another, and they were deeply grateful to you and thanked you, their "thank you" is an act of glorifying God when it is understood that you acted out of a love of God. God is praised when we, His children, give and receive love and honor between each other on account of our faith.

Reflect, today, upon two things. First, think about those upon whom God has called you to shine His light. Who is it in your life who needs an act of love, charity, mercy, forgiveness or compassion? Commit yourself to becoming God's light for them in their darkness. Second, think about those who have shone the Light of Christ upon you. When this has happened, how did you respond? Hopefully your response was one of a gratitude that not only returns love to the other but also glorifies God through your gratitude. Be the light of the world to a world in need and seek out that light as it shines brightly through others. This is the only way to step out of the

darkness that constantly tries to pervade us..

*Lord, You are the true Light Who dispels every darkness in life. You are the Light of my life and shine brightly for all to see. Help me to see Your light as it shines on others and to glorify You for that gift. And help me to be an instrument of Your light to those who need it the most. 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>.



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!

#### St. PATRICK PARISH 20th ANNIVERSARY GINGERBREAD FAIR

Saturday, December 2 & Sunday, December, 3, 2023

Now is the time to start planning to create handcrafted items and gathering items for themed gift baskets for the "2023 - 20th Anniversary Gingerbread Fair"!!!

Mark your calendar and plan on being part of this exciting parish event!!!

### Word of Life † Feb 5th

"A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned."

Pope Francis, Message for the 29<sup>th</sup> World Day of the Sick 2021

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### FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Parishioners are free to attend our Parish Council meetings. Meetings are scheduled for the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 in the Parish Hall.

Our next meeting is **Tuesday, February 7th.**

Parish Council meeting minutes are available to all parishioners upon request. To obtain a copy of our most recently approved meeting minutes, or for general questions please email Mark Niehaus, President at [mniehaus83@yahoo.com](mailto:mniehaus83@yahoo.com).



# February

Feb 5	Confirmation Parish Hall 11:00 AM
Feb 7	"No Greater Love" Bible Study at Trinita 6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting 6:30 PM Parish Hall
Feb 8	Holy Hours and Eucharistic Adoration 7:00 pm
Feb 9	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.

### Regular Bulletin Deadline — Tuesdays, 12 pm

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### St Paul's High School

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