

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

## 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**

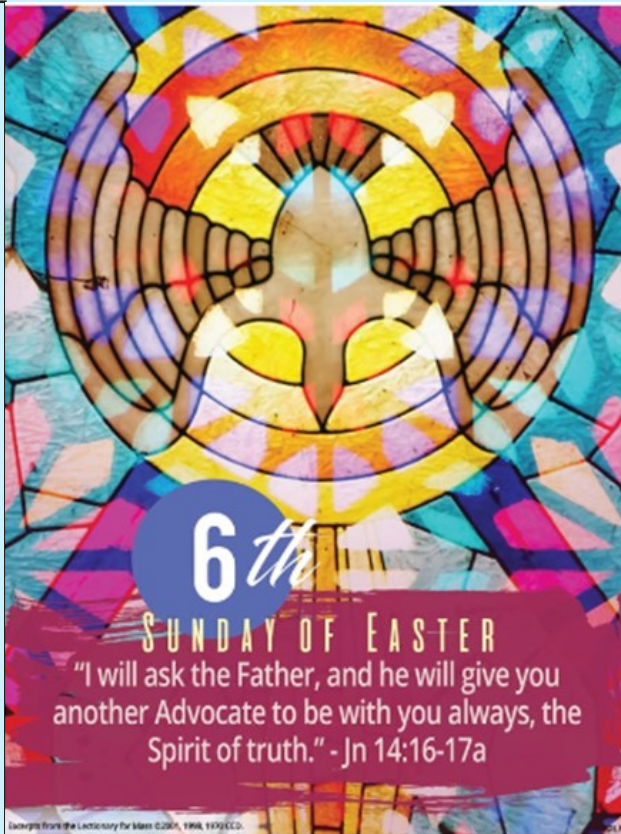
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#### **Usher/Greeter Ministry**

Mr. Mike Sinacori: (860) 202-9802

#### **Women of St. Patrick's**

860-693-8727



### **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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*Coordinator*

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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.



**Saturday, May 13**

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick's

**Sunday, May 14**

8:00 am Enderline Anaeché

10:00 am Newly Confirmed Youths and Mothers in the Parish

**Monday, May 15**

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

**Tuesday, May 16**

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

**Wednesday May 17**

8:00 am Edward & Rita Kozlak as requested by The Kozlak Family

**Thursday, May 18—Ascension of the Lord**

8:00 am Fr Collins I Anaeché

**Friday, May 19**

800 am No Mass

**Saturday, May 20**

5:00 pm Enderline Anaeché

**Sunday May 21**

8:00 am Enderline Anaeché

10:00 am Paul F. Bangs

## Faith Formation Calendar

### Faith Formation End-of-Year Feedback

We value the feedback of our Faith Formation Families. If you had a child registered in our program during the 2022-2023 school year, please scan the QR code below to complete our ANONYMOUS form. Thank you!



### Thank you to Mark Niehaus!

Mark Niehaus and his family have been active members of our St. Patrick's Parish family since they moved into the area. Over the years, Mark has supported the church and its ministries in various ways. He has been a lector reading at masses and liturgical celebrations. He has served as a member of the Parish Council, its Vice President, and subsequently, the President. We thank Mark and his family for their dedication, contributions, and service in our Parish. In the coming weeks, Mark and his wife Martha will move out of the State to stay closer to his other family members. We will truly miss them! Our prayers are with them, and we wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

**Please join us for a 'Special Thank You' Coffee Hour Sunday, May 21st, after the 10:00 am mass for Mark and his wife, Martha.**

In gratitude,

Fr Collins

## Parish Support

### Week of 5/4/23 to 5/10/23

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 3,724.53

Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$ 1,432.00

Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$5,156.53

**Facilities-** \$ 125.00

### Monthly- Lawn Care

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ 1,272.00

Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$ 378.00

**Monthly Collection Total \$1,650.00**

**Grand Total: \$ 6,931.53**

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



### Time for the THE HELEN DLUBAC MEMORIAL GERANIUM SALE

Available by pre order:

Red, Pink, or White 4" pots \$6.00

11" hanging pots \$25.00

14" patio tub multicolored with vicia vines \$40.00

Orders will be accepted until Wednesday May 17, 2020 by email to [LoriKlue@sbcglobal.net](mailto:LoriKlue@sbcglobal.net)

Pick up between 9:30 am and noon on Saturday May 20, 2023 at church parking lot. Make checks payable to St Patrick's Church Corporation. Proceeds will be used to maintain the church gardens keeping them lush and beautiful. You will receive an email confirmation of the order. If you do not receive a confirmation, please call (860) 693-6114. May God Bless You Thank You for Your Support



### First Communion & Reconciliation

Please join us in celebrating the following children who received their first sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion at St Patrick's this past week.

Giuliana Bartlett  
Joshua Buchardt  
Matthew Celentano  
Nicholas Collins  
Anna Ellison  
Tyler Grad  
Hunter Jensen

Lauren Marich  
Grace Nash  
Benjamin Robbins  
Paul Roberts  
Aubrey Ryzak  
Anthony Starkowski  
Genevieve Yeomans

A heartfelt thank you to all the teachers, parents and others that supported them during the process!

*May you always know the peace of Jesus, the light of his love, and the joy of his life within you!*



**Obedience, Truth and Freedom**  
*Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year A)*

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you." [John 14:15-17](#)

Imagine a spouse or a friend saying to you, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." Such a statement might cause you to react with surprise. Ordinarily, we do not see obedience to another as a sign that we love them. However, what if a parent were to say to a child, "If you love me, you will be obedient." That statement is easier to accept because of the unique role of a parent to their children. In regard to our love of God, obedience to His divine will is the greatest act of love we can offer. This is because God's will is perfect. It's exactly what we need in life. It's what we were made for. And it is the one and only way to achieve the human fulfillment that we seek. Only God can say such a thing to us because only God is God.

Jesus followed up His call to obedience by saying that obedience to Him will result in Jesus and His Father bestowing the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth upon you. The Holy Spirit will remain "with you, and will be in you." This is such a profound statement from our Lord. In fact, so much of what He says within this sermon given at the Last Supper is profound beyond comprehension.

One clear thing this tells us is that obedience to God leads to a discovery of the Truth. And as Jesus says elsewhere, "If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" ([John 8:31-32](#)). Obedience leads to Truth. Truth leads to freedom.

This begs the question: Do you want to be free? Clearly you do. We cannot not want to be free. Meaning, we are obliged to want freedom, just as we are obliged to want happiness. Why? Because the desire for freedom and happiness is written upon our very nature. It is a desire that we cannot escape. It's how we are wired. However, it is quite possible to become confused about the way we achieve these desires. For many, obedience is not always understood as the pathway to that desired freedom and happiness.

Consider, again, a child. Imagine a parent telling that child not to eat a certain wild berry that grows behind their house because the parent knows the berry is poisonous and will cause the child to become sick. If the child disobeys and eats the berry anyway, he will learn the important lesson that he should have been obedient. Or if the child were to get in a fight with his brother and was angry and crying, the parent may tell him to say he's sorry and reconcile with his brother. If the child refuses, he will remain angry and crying. But if he obeys, then he and his brother will once again be able to have fun together.

On a grand scale, this is what God does for us. He is the

perfect Father Who always knows what is best for us. For that reason, we must not only conform to His will, we must desire it, seek it out and desire to be obedient to the greatest degree. This is the path to Truth. It is the path to freedom. It is the path to the happiness we desire.

Reflect, today, upon your own level of obedience to the will of God and your understanding of the importance of that obedience. Do you realize that God's will is perfect? Perhaps you do intellectually, but how about practically? When you read through the Scriptures and hear Jesus' commands of love, do you seek to follow them without hesitation? For example, do you forgive those who seem undeserving? Can you say, with our Lord from the Cross, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do?" Reflect upon anything this past year that was difficult for you to embrace from God. Ponder it, pray over it and seek to obey whatever He has revealed to you. Doing so will be the first step toward the fulfillment of your deepest desires in life.

*Most glorious Jesus, Your will is perfect in every way. Obedience to Your will leads to the fulfillment of my life and my every desire. Please bestow the Spirit of Truth upon me so that I will always know Your will and embrace it with all my might. Jesus, I trust in You.*

*2023@MyCatholic Life*

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU**

As we conclude religious education classes for the year, we wanted to thank the volunteers who made our Faith Formation Program a success for the 91 students who participated. The time, energy, and love of those who take on this ministry is not only a blessing to our parish, but a powerful sign of Christian Discipleship - passing on our faith to the next generation, just as the Apostles had many years ago. We cannot thank them enough for all they have done!

The following volunteers served as lead Catechists and assistants in our Faith Formation Program, Sacramental Preparation Programs, and LEGACY Youth Group during 2022-2023 year:

*Debra Noel, Rose Marie Howes, Katie Ellison, Kelly Hagymasi, Yvonne Stoops, Jamie Niemann, Elizabeth Young, Maria Klimczak, John Russo, Susan Millerick, Wendy Gacek, Mike Gacek, Sandy Micari, and Brian Curran*

"May the Lord continue to bless the work they have done and nurture the seeds of faith they have planted in the hearts of their students!"





May 17	Holy Hour & Adoration 7: 00 pm
May 18	Holy Day—Ascension of the Lord 8:00 am mass
May 18	Bell Choir Rehearsal Church 7:00 pm
May 18	Men’s Fraternity Marriage & Family Life Program 6:30 pm Parish Hall
May 23	Finance Council Meeting 6:00 pm 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/1YFHzbjWd3BcjwBp9>

QR CODE:



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*In Loving Memory*  
**“Robert J. Grundwalski ”**

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

**Word of Life † May 14th**

“O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, our Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers”