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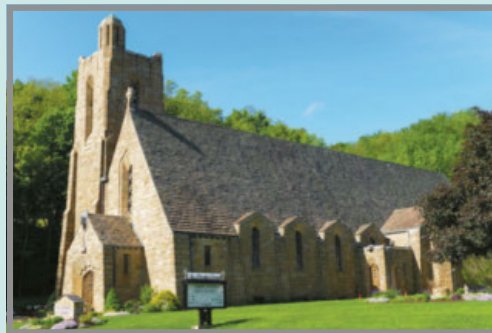


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Mr. Rob Dupre: (860) 299-3335

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Mr. Chris Casey: (860) 904-8138

Facilities Committee

Call Rectory: (860) 693-8727

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Mrs. Terry St. Gelais: (860) 916-6163

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Youth Ministry Program

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Mrs. Carline Thurston: (860) 693-4231

Rosary at Cherry Brook

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Social/Hospitality Ministry

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Group

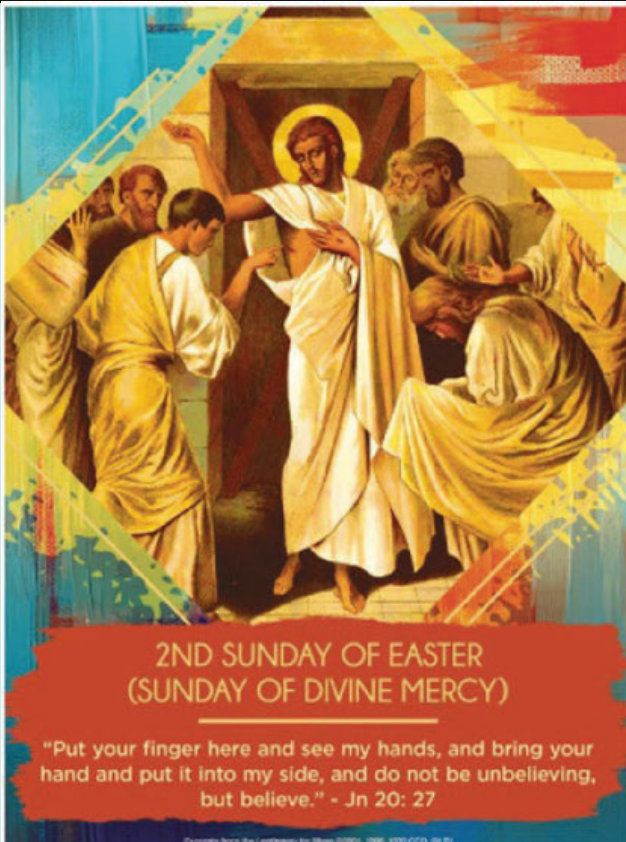
CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

Usher/Greeter Ministry

Mr. Mike Sinacori: (860) 202-9802

Women of St. Patrick's

860-693-8727



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER
(SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

"Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20: 27

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 6

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick's

Sunday April 7

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

10:00 am Dorothy & Andrew DeVito as requested by the DeVito & St Gelais Family

Monday, April 8

8:00 am No Mass

Tuesday, April 9

8:00 am No Mass

Wednesday April 10

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

Thursday, April 11

8:00 am No Mass

Friday, April 12

8:00 am No Mass

Saturday, April 13

5:00 pm Nicholas Pizzuto as requested by the Family

Sunday April 14

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

10:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

Faith Formation Calendar

 <p>March 29 – March 31 - No Classes for Easter The Faith Formation Team wishes you and your family a blessed Easter!</p>		
Apr 1	First Holy Communion	In Person @ 6 pm
	5 th grade	In Person @ 6 pm
April 6 – April 13 – No Classes for Spring Break		
April 14	Confirmation Y1	In Person 11:15 – 12:15 pm
	Confirmation Y2	In Person 12:30 – 1:30 pm
April 21	1 st , 6 th , 7 th , 8 th grades	In Person @8:55-9:55 am
	First Holy Communion	Celebration of First Reconciliation & Reception to follow @4:45 pm

**Class dates/times are subject to change.*



St Patrick Parish Annual Spring Luncheon

Please plan on attending a relaxing afternoon at the Annual Spring Luncheon on **Saturday, April 20, 2024** in the Parish Hall. Ticket sales will be on sale after all masses. For more information or questions, please contact Brenda Sullivan at 860-693-

2847. Tickets are limited!!

Parish Support

Week of 3/26/24 to 4/3/24

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 2,863.00

Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$ 1,487.00

Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$ 4,350.00

Facilities \$ 50.00

Monthly- Easter

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ 2,966.00

Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$ 165.00

Monthly Collection Total \$ 3131.00

Grand Total: \$ 7,531.00

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



Parish Council Nominations

It's time to develop the list of nominees' to Parish Council. This year there are **3** opportunities to serve. We would like to have **2** adult members and **1** youth members. To apply you need to (i) be a registered parishioner (ii) have received the sacrament of confirmation and (iii) be living in accord with the teachings of the Church. Youth candidates must be 16 years of age or older.

To nominate yourself or others:

1. Fill out the information on the nomination ballot located in the pews
2. Drop the ballot in the designated box located in the vestibule
3. One nominee per form. If needed additional nomination forms are available.
4. The nominating process will be open from April 6 until April 21, 2024. Election will be held over the first two weekends of May.



The Faith Formation Program would like to extend a **BIG THANK YOU** to all who contributed toward our 2024 Lenten Blessing Bag Project! With the generous donations made by our parishioners, we were able to pack **200 Blessing Bags** for the less fortunate in our community! These bags were distributed at shelters and outreach programs in Bristol, Hartford and Torrington- spreading the love just in time for Easter. A special thank you to all the students, parents and Catechists who came together on Palm Sunday to assemble the bags making this a successful initiative within our program.!

Jessica Sanzo

Faith Formation Coordinator



Eternal Contemplation of God's Mercy

Divine Mercy Sunday (Year B)

Saint Faustina writes in her *Diary*:

"My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the First Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy" (*Diary* #699).

What will it be like to contemplate the love and mercy of God for all eternity? To some, this might not at first seem that appealing. Won't it become boring if all we do for all eternity is contemplate God's mercy? If that is a question that resonates with you, then the reason this idea initially lacks appeal is because you cannot fathom how fulfilling and glorious this will be. Jesus said, "My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity."

God willed that this Sunday, the eighth day of the Octave of Easter, be celebrated as the Feast of Mercy. By placing this Feast on the last day of the Octave of Easter, God is telling us that the message of this Feast reveals the ultimate purpose of our lives. Easter is the culmination of the perfect plan of redemption. And Divine Mercy Sunday is the culmination of that perfect plan. Therefore, nothing is more important than trying to understand the message this Feast presents.

By analogy, if you were given a new car but never drove it, the car would be of no use. Or if you won the lottery and the money simply sat in your account unused, what's the benefit? Or if you were gravely ill and were given a medicine that would cure that illness but you never took it, then you would remain ill. So also, if we believe in the death and resurrection of Jesus, but never allow the Mercy that is given by that act to transform us, then we have missed the point. The Divine Mercy is the point of life. It's the only thing worth seeking. It's the only source of satisfaction and fulfillment. It's the only cure for our ills. It's the only source of true riches. In three short words: It Is Everything!

When Jesus says that our eternity will be spent contemplating His Mercy, He doesn't only mean that this is something we will do after we die. True, the fullness of the revelation of His Mercy will be set before us when we enter into the Beatific Vision and contemplate God forever. But "eternity" includes today. It includes the here and now. Therefore, our contemplation of The Divine Mercy must be the single most important goal in our life today. When it is, everything else in life will fall into place in support of this goal.


In order to make the contemplation of The Divine Mercy the most important goal of your life, you must begin to understand it. That's why we were given this special day, this most solemn Feast of Mercy. Therefore, use this day as an opportunity to deepen your contemplation of this Gift. Begin

by reading about God's Mercy as it was revealed to us through Saint Faustina. Try to spend time reading Jesus' words, His explanations, descriptions and revelations about His Mercy. As you do, if you find that it remains incomprehensible, don't worry. It is incomprehensible! However, since Jesus promised us that our eternity would be spent in contemplation of His Mercy, then we must believe that the more deeply we enter into that contemplation now, the more glorious our lives will become. If we can truly taste of this Mercy, gain a small glimpse of its grandeur, and comprehend even a small aspect of its meaning, then we will truly find much satisfaction in this endeavor.

Reflect, today, upon The Divine Mercy. As you do, humble yourself through prayer by admitting to God and to yourself that His Mercy is beyond what you will ever comprehend. Do this in prayer. Reading about God's Mercy is important, but it will only be through prayer that we begin our contemplation. And it will only be through this contemplation that we will begin to live the central purpose of our lives.

Glorious Divine Mercy, pour down upon me; open my mind to Your depth and breadth. Help me to begin to contemplate You in Your fullness so that I can begin my eternity with You now. My loving Savior, You have revealed so much about Your Mercy. May I not only learn about this Gift but also receive it into my life. Jesus, I trust in You.


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Women of St Patrick Scholarship Applications Now Available

Applications for the WSP Memorial Scholarship are now available in the vestibule of the church and on our church website. The WSP will be presenting scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are active members in St Patrick Parish and plan to attend an institution of higher education in the Fall 2024, 2 or 4 year college, vocational school or training. The scholarships are given in memory of the deceased members of the WSP and Ladies Guild.

Completed scholarship applications are due by **APRIL 25, 2024 at 12 noon!** Completed application may be submitted any time before April 25, 2024 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!**



Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at **St. Ann's in Avon** on Sunday, April 7th with a Holy Hour from 2:30 - 3:30 pm. Please come and receive extraordinary graces promised us by Jesus on the Feast of Divine Mercy



APRIL

April 8	Human Needs Committee Meeting 7:00 Parish Hall
April 9	WSP Meeting Parish Hall 6:30 pm
April 10	Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration 7:00 pm
April 11	Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Church



Legacy Hike

All teens! Join us for a hike to Heublein Tower on

APRIL 21

@IPM

along with snacks and Lectio Divina reflections

PLEASE MEET AT THE YELLOW TRAIL PARKING LOT
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Text or Email Chloe to rsvp: 8609904691 | ymespcolct.org



WOMEN OF ST. PATRICK MEETING
Tuesday - April 9, 2024 - 6:30 pm

ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH are invited to attend the WSP April meeting. Come learn what the WSP have planned for the Spring and upcoming year!

Following the business meeting, there will be a presentation by a parishioner, Greg Horton. Greg will be speaking about his faith journey through his participation on mission trips to serve and work with orphans in Uganda, Africa.

Please plan to join us for a fun and informative evening! Light refreshments will be served.

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