

# 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."*



Photo courtesy: LePetit Studio

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

## Parish Ministries

### **Altar Server Ministry**

Mr. Rob Dupre: (860) 299-3335

### **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

### **Youth Ministry Program**

Chloe Ferraro

ym@spcolct.org

### **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. Rob Dupre: (860) 299-3335

### **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**

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.

50 Church Street  
Collinsville, CT 06019  
(860) 693-8727  
[www.sp4c.org](http://www.sp4c.org)

**Rev. Collins I. Anaeche**  
*Administrator*  
fr.anaeche@aohct.org  
Ext 302

**Dcn. Ken Bangs**  
*Deacon*  
dcn.bangs@aohct.org

**Terry St Gelais**  
*Admin Assistant*  
aa@sp4c.org  
Ext 306

**Jessica Sanzo**  
*Faith Formation  
Coordinator*  
ffd@spcolct.org  
Ext 303

**Chloe Ferraro**  
*Youth Ministry &  
Confirmation Coordinator*  
ym@spcolct.org

**Chris Casey**  
*Music Director*  
keyscasey@aol.com

### **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, December 16**  
 5:00 pm Keiko Goulet as requested by Colleen Ververis and friends  
**Sunday December 17**  
 8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's  
 10:00 am Pietro & Dora DiTommasso requested the Farren Family  
**Monday, December 18**  
 8:00 am Healing Mass for Julianne as requested by her Marianne & Jeanne  
**Tuesday, December 19**  
 8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's  
**Wednesday December 20**  
 8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's  
**Thursday, December 21**  
 9:00 am No Mass  
**Friday, December 22**  
 800 am No Mass  
**Saturday, December 23**  
 5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick's  
**Sunday December 24**  
 8:00 am Frank Lauretti as requested by the Masotti Family  
 10:00 am Paul Muhs as requested by the Bangs Family  
 4:00 pm Adhemar & Priscilla Bouchard & Loretta Bouchard & Reynolds Charette as requested by children & grandchildren  
 8:00 pm Robert Glynn as requested by his wife

## Faith Formation Calendar

Dec 17	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , & 7 <sup>th</sup> grades	In Person @ 8:55-9:55 am
	Confirmation Y1 & Y2	In Person 11:15 am - 1:15 pm
Dec 18	First Holy Communion	In Person 6-7 pm

CHRISTMAS BREAK – CLASSES RESUME JANUARY 7



*The Faith Formation Team  
 Wishes you a blessed Christmas!*



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



### 2023 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**Sunday, December 24th**  
 4:00 pm—Children's Christmas Vigil Mass  
 8:00 pm – Night Mass  
**Monday, December 25th**  
 8:00 am– Christmas Morning  
 10:00 am—Christmas Morning



## Parish Support

### Week of 12/6/23 to 12/11/23

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 3,390.00  
 Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$ 1,354.00  
 Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): **\$ 4,744.00**

**Facilities** \$ 575.00

### Monthly-Retirement for Religious

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ 952.00  
 Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$ 0.00  
**Monthly Collection Total** \$ **952.00**

**Grand Total:** \$ **6,271.00**

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



### Free Christmas Music Concert at St. Patrick's

**An Evening of Peace, Joy and Hopeful  
 Anticipation**

**Thursday, December 21, 7:00 pm**

**Vocal, Jazz & Instrumental Arrangements**

*Featuring the Casey sisters and other prominent musicians*

**Complimentary wine, cheese and dessert reception  
 Immediately following the concert**

Family-friendly event, all are welcome. Bring a friend !!



### YOUTH CHRISTMAS CHOIR

#### REHEARSALS

The Youth Christmas Choir will be rehearsing every Sunday, immediately following the 10:00 am Mass. Rehearsals end at 12:00pm. Any questions contact our Music Director, Chris Casey,



### *In Loving Memory "Domenica (Dolly) DiMeo"*

*She dwells in the house of the Lord forever*

### **Word of Life † December 17**

"O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free."

USCCB, "Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita"



## Meeting Christ in the Desert

Third Sunday of Advent (Year B)

"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'" as Isaiah the prophet said." [John 1:23](#)

In the passage above, Saint John the Baptist quotes [Isaiah 40:3](#): "A voice proclaims: In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!" This was a prophecy of Isaiah who was speaking about the return of the Jewish exiles from Babylon back to Jerusalem. Normally, people would travel along the well-watered routes from Mesopotamia to Israel. Those routes were safer than the desert and provided the necessary food and water for the journey. But Isaiah prophesied that the Jewish exiles would travel the shortest route—straight across the desert—and that God would provide for their needs during that journey. Such a journey required much trust in the providence of God.

John the Baptist, in quoting Isaiah, applies this prophecy to himself. He was called to cry out in the desert and point people directly to the Messiah. It was in the desert that they would discover their Savior.

First of all, John cries out in the "desert." His message is for those who experience dryness, destitution, need and loss in life due to sin. His message of repentance is first for those who are without the spiritual nourishment God wants to bestow upon them through grace. The message of John is pointed to those who humbly see the difficult situation they are facing in life and acknowledge their need for the Living Water of the Savior of the World.

Second, this new "straight" way implies that many are not walking the direct path to Christ. Instead, they are taking unnecessary detours in life. John's message is one that calls everyone to the straight and direct way of repenting of their sins so that they can come to faith in Christ Jesus.

Third, walking through the desert to find Christ requires trust in God's providence. It takes courage to make such a journey. Trust in the ongoing providence of God, Who promises to meet all of our needs, is key. One would not walk straight through the desert if they did not trust their guide.

Advent is a time to reexamine the road you are on. Are you trying to find your own way to happiness? Are you trusting in your own abilities, your own intelligence and your own plan for the future? If so, then listen to the "voice of one crying out in the wilderness." Listen to Saint John speak to you, calling you to the simplicity of the desert, to a greater detachment from all things, to an abandonment of all that is not of God, and to a more willing trust in the providence of God to lead you.

Reflect, today, upon this calling from the desert and listen to the message God is speaking to you, personally. Abandon all worldly concerns, repent of sin, trust in Him and go out to meet Him so that you can more quickly and more easily come to a deeper faith in our Lord during this Advent season.

*My loving Lord, You are there, waiting for me in the darkness and dryness of my sin. You are waiting for me to lead me and guide me through the many challenges I face in life. Please give me the courage and wisdom I need to trust in You enough to follow You wherever You lead. Jesus, I trust in You.*

*2023@My Catholic Life, Inc.*



## THANK YOU!

*Thank You...* To ALL the Women of St Patrick's that helped make this 20th Anniversary GINGERBREAD FAIR great success! Thank you for sharing your time, talent, and hard work of planning throughout the year! The list of individuals that contributed to the success of the fair is too long to list. Please know that your time and generosity are greatly appreciated!!

*Thank You...* To all those who helped plan and organize this special 20th Anniversary Fair, advertise, set up, worked the fair, cleaned up and were cashiers!

*Thank You...* To all the talented bakers and candy makers, the talented crafters that created unique handcrafted gift items and gift baskets, the teacup auction donors and volunteers.

*Thank You ...* To those who organized and oversaw the Gingerbread Sweep that commemorated the 20th Gingerbread Fair Anniversary!

*Thank You ...* To the Gingerbread Café volunteers, fantastic cooks and gingerbread bakers! A big thank you to our top Café Elf that tirelessly oversees the Gingerbread Café with a smile and kindness and sometimes a song (Mele Kalikimaka)

*A Very Special Thank you & a Hug...* To our very special honorary WSP Elf who has been building the Gingerbread House Display for the past 20 years, transforming the parish hall into a Magical Winter Wonderland!

*A Heartfelt Thank You ...* To all the husbands and families of the Women of St Patrick's! Thank you for all your support, assistance, patience and love throughout the year as we plan and prepare for the Gingerbread Fair! Some of you have been doing this for 20 years!

*A Special Thank You* is extended to our St Patrick parishioners and members of the community who visited our Gingerbread Fair, purchased items, bought tickets for the Teacup Auction and enjoyed a bite to eat at the Gingerbread Cafe'.

*Thank you for your support!!*

*The Women of St Patrick's Wish You & Your Families A very Blessed Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year!*



## Faith Formation Thank You!

Thank you to all those who attended "Breakfast with Santa" which was held on December 9th. Much fun was had by all who came! A BIG thank you to those who volunteered their time to help make this event extra special!



December 19	Finance Council Meeting 6:30 pm Parish Hall
December 20	Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration 7:00 pm
December 21	Christmas Concert 7:00 pm
December 24	Christmas Pageant & Children's Mass 4:00 PM



**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:



[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PfiK131WBT2RezanP6bjutzUySqiffxx/view?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PfiK131WBT2RezanP6bjutzUySqiffxx/view?usp=share_link)

**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