

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

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

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Social/Hospitality Ministry

CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

SPYRIT 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Youth

Group

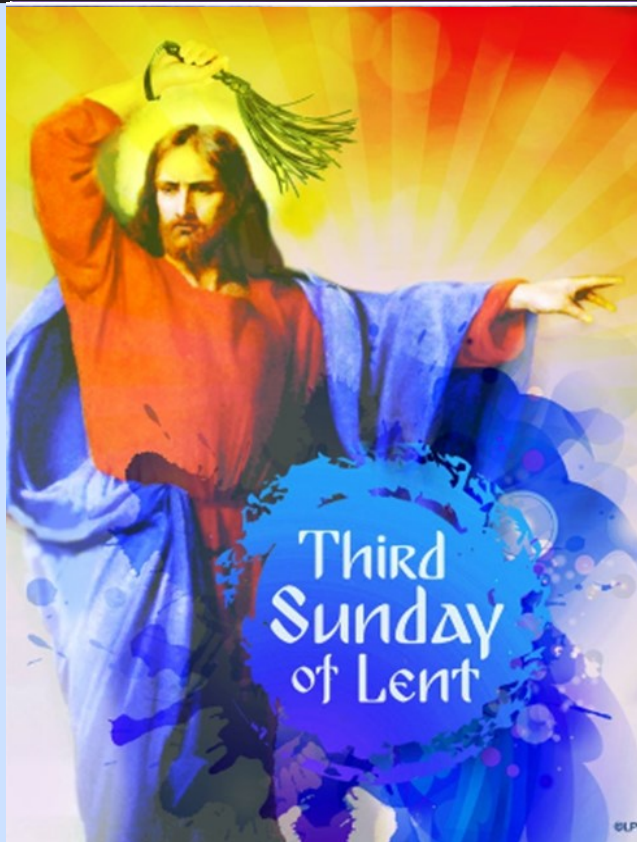
CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

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.

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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, March 2

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick's

Sunday March 3

8:00 am Frank Lauretti as requested by the Masotti Family

10:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

Monday, March 4

8:00 am Sara Doane as requested by the Allan Family

Tuesday, March 5

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

Wednesday March 6

8:00 am Ray Ronan as requested by Louise Korner

Thursday, March 7

9:00 am No Mass

Friday, March 8

800 am No Mass

Saturday, March 9

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick's

Sunday March 10

8:00 am Jennifer Mehrrens Windle requested by Nan and Jim Hayes

10:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

Faith Formation Calendar

March 3	1 st , 3 rd , 4 th , 8 th grades	In Person @ 8:55-9:55 am
	YOUTH MASS	10 am
	Confirmation Year 1	In Person 11:15 am- 12:15 pm
	Confirmation Year 2	In Person 12:30 pm-1:30 pm
March 4	First Holy Communion	In Person @ 6 pm
March 9	6 th grade	Virtual @ 8 am
March 10	1 st , 7 th , 8 th grades	In Person @ 8:55-9:55 am
	Confirmation Year 1	In Person 11:15 am- 12:15 pm
	Confirmation Year 2	In Person 12:30 pm-1:30 pm
March 11	First Holy Communion	In Person @ 6 pm
	5 th grade	In Person @ 6 pm

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

Legacy Youth Group

Teen & Young Adult Bible Study on March 13 at 6:30pm in the Church Hall—"Jesus's love for us"

Look for flyer at the front entrance of the church for more information!

The Divine Mercy Holy Hour

March 10th

The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will be celebrated on Sunday, March 10th from 2:30-3:30pm at St. Ann Church in Avon. Please join us to implore God's mercy for ourselves and the whole world.

Parish Support

Week of 2/22/24 to 2/28/24

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 2,791.25

Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$ 1,022.00

Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$ 3,813.25

Facilities \$ 95.00

Monthly- Facilities Fund

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ 75.00

Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$ 5.00

Monthly Collection Total \$ **80.00**

Grand Total: \$ **3,988.25**

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

Thank you to all parishioners who generously supported the 2024 High School Collection. This funds tuition assistance, technology enhancements, curricular improvements, marketing outreach and much more for our Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Hartford. **Thank you!**



Stations of the Cross

Throughout the Lenten Season, Stations of the Cross will be held every **Friday at 7:00 pm.**

Please join us !



CONFESSION

In addition to Saturday, 4pm confessions, we will have Confessions every Monday, 6pm-7pm throughout the Lenten Season, beginning Monday, February 19th. Come and experience the Mercy of God through the power of the Sacrament.

St Patrick's Dinner !



This year's St Patrick's dinner will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2024 following the 5:00 pm mass. Corned beef, chicken or pasta served family style. Get your tickets now through March 10th.

Lenten Day of Prayer, Reflection & Adoration

Wednesday, March 20th

All day Adoration will begin after 8am Mass. Praise and Worship led by Chris Casey, along with a talk by Fr. Federico, will begin at 7pm, All are welcome to attend!

A Dual Cleansing

The Third Sunday of Lent (Year B)

He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." [John 2:15-16](#)

All four Gospels speak of Jesus' cleansing of the Temple. However, there is a difference between the way this event is portrayed in the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) and in the way it is portrayed in John's Gospel. John's Gospel places this event at the very beginning of Jesus' public ministry during the first of His three annual trips to Jerusalem for the Passover. This was His first attempt at cleansing the Temple. Jesus was also less severe in John's version of the story, stating only that the moneychangers had turned His Father's House into a "marketplace." In the three Synoptic Gospels, this event takes place at the very end of Jesus' public ministry, less than a week before Jesus' death when He returned to Jerusalem for the last time. In those versions, Jesus was more severe, stating that the moneychangers had turned His Father's House into a "den of thieves" and not just a "marketplace." In commenting upon the differences between John's version and the Synoptics, Saint Augustine and Saint Thomas Aquinas believe that they are two different occasions when a similar act of cleansing of the Temple took place.

The Jewish Temple, at the time of Jesus' public ministry, was the place people traveled to each year for Passover to offer the sacrifice of a spotless male lamb in commemoration of the first Passover in Egypt when God set the Jews free from slavery. During this annual celebration, Jewish families who traveled to Jerusalem would purchase a lamb for sacrifice. At the appointed time, they slaughtered the animal in the courtyard of the Temple and then presented it to the priest who gathered some of the blood and sprinkled it on the altar, and then removed the skin, organs and fat to be burned in sacrifice. The meat was returned to the family and roasted on a pomegranate branch so that they could feast on it as they recalled the saving action God granted their ancestors in Egypt.

Today, we see the Jewish Temple as a symbol and prefiguration of Christ, the New Temple Who is also the priest and the Lamb of Sacrifice. Recall, also, that at Jesus' death, the veil of the Temple was torn in two, opening it up to the whole world so that all may share in the Sacrifice of the Lamb of God. We are now invited into this Holy of Holies to share in the new life of grace accomplished by His Sacrifice. Since the grace of this Sacrifice of our Lord enters into each and every heart that believes, to cleanse and purify, then every person receiving this grace becomes a new dwelling place of God, a member of His new Temple, the Body of Christ.

When Jesus came to the Passover feast and witnessed the buying and selling of these animals in the Temple, He drove them out with much zeal. It was clear that this holy celebration of the Passover had become less of a celebration of faith

and more of a marketplace for profit. Jesus' action is also a symbol of the zeal with which He now seeks to cleanse the temple of your soul. At first, when sin and disorder pervade our souls, our Lord may take the approach of a gentle rebuke, as He did in His first cleansing of the Temple in John's Gospel. If we persist in our sins, then our Lord will become more zealous in His cleansing as He was in His final attempt to cleanse the Temple the week before He died.

Reflect, today, upon this twofold cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem by our Lord and apply Jesus' sacred actions today to your own soul. Are there new sins that you have fallen into recently that require a gentle rebuke from our Lord? Are there sins that Jesus has been revealing to you for years now that you obstinately persist in? Allow Him to rebuke you in love and to cleanse you so that His saving Sacrifice as the Lamb of God will indeed purify you, and allow His judgment and wrath to "passover" you this Lent.

My cleansing Lord, You cleansed the Temple of Jerusalem not once, but twice. Your zeal for its purity of worship was clear. Please come and make my soul Your dwelling place today and cleanse me of all sin. Please help me to especially see any ways that I have remained obstinate in my sin, and please cleanse those sins with much vigor. Jesus, I trust in You.

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Women of Saint Patrick's

Tuesday, March 12th at 6:30PM—WSP Meeting and Pysanky Egg Presentation

All women of the parish are invited to attend the March WSP meeting! Following the meeting, there will be a presentation about the history, meaning and symbolism of the Pysanky Eggs! Light refreshments will be served. This is a great opportunity to meet other women of the parish and make new friends!

St. Patrick's Annual Spring Luncheon —Saturday April 20, 2024

Ticket sales will begin after the weekend masses Mid-March! Limited Seating! More information coming soon!

Blessing Bag Project

The Faith Formation Program will continue to collect self-care items for the less fortunate during Lent. Please place donated items in the basket labeled "Blessing Bag Project" located in the vestibule of the church. Email our Faith Formation Coordinator, [Jessica Sanzo](mailto:jessica.sanzo@spcolct.org), with any questions at ffd@spcolct.org. Thank you for your support!



Week 3 (3/2-3/3) – Thick/Warm Pair of Socks

Week 4 (3/9-3/10) – Travel-sized Facial Tissues & 'Chapstick' w/SPF

Week 5 (3/16-3/17) – 'Band-aides' & Travel-sized Hand Sanitizer

Week 6 (3/23-3/24) – Individually Wrapped Snacks

*Monetary donations, to purchase supplies, will also be graciously accepted (please label donations "FF Blessing Bag Project").



March 5	Parish Council Meeting 6:30 pm Parish Hall
March 6	Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration 7:00 pm
March 7	Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Church
March 8	Stations of the Cross 7:00 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

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