

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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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

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Liturgy Committee

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Men's Fraternity

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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

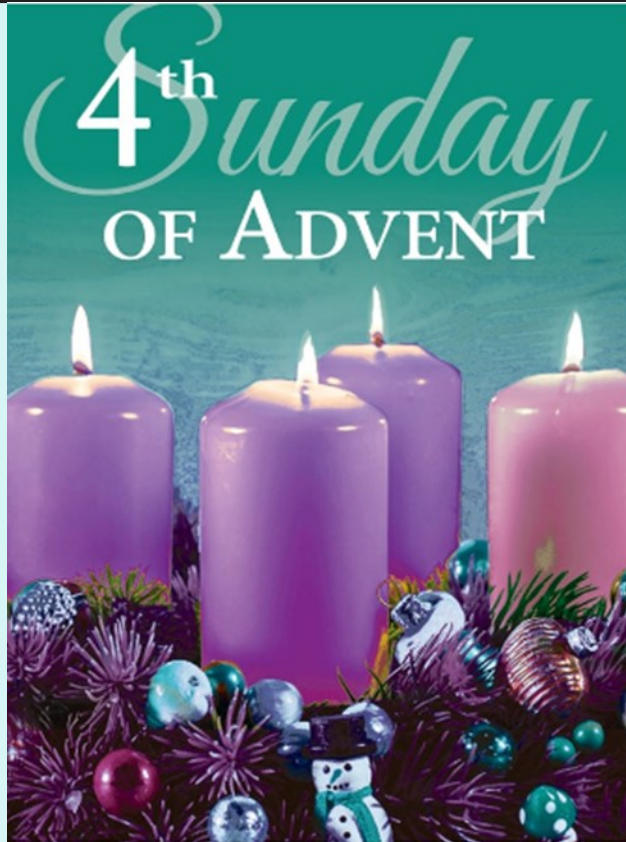
CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

Usher/Greeter Ministry

Mr. Mike Sinacori: (860) 202-9802

Women of St. Patrick's

860-693-8727



4th Sunday OF ADVENT

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.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



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

Monday, December 25

8:00 am Enderline N. Anaeché

10:00 am Paul & Beverly Bangs as requested by the Bangs Family

Tuesday, December 26

8:00 am No Mass

Wednesday December 27

8 :00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

Thursday, December 28

9:00 am No Mass

Friday, December 29

800 am No Mass

Saturday, December 30

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick's

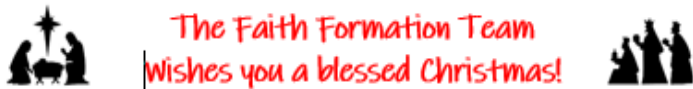
Sunday December 31

8:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick's

10:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

Faith Formation Calendar

CHRISTMAS BREAK – CLASSES RESUME JANUARY 7



Jan 7	1 st , 3 rd , 6 th , 8 th grades	In Person @8:55-9:55 am
	7 th grade	Virtual @6:30 pm
Jan 8	First Holy Communion	In Person @ 6pm
	5 th grade	In Person @6 pm
Jan 9	4 th grade	Virtual @ 6 pm

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



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm for Eucharistic Adoration



Parish Support

Week of 12/12/23 to 12/21/23

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash):	\$.00
Weekly Collection (Online Giving):	\$.00
Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online):	\$.00

Facilities \$.00

Monthly-Christmas Flowers & Decorations

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$.00

Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$.00

Monthly Collection Total \$ **.00**

Grand Total: \$ **.00**

Due to the early publication for this bulletin, weekly collection information is not available. It will be included in next week's bulletin

Congratulations to Our Winners!

The Women of St Patrick's wish to thank the many parishioners for their support in our recent raffle. It was a great success!

The first place prize of a Gift Card of \$500.00 to The Inn of Mystic will be enjoyed by Elizabeth Rosen.

The second place prize of a Gift Card of \$100.00 to Abigail's in Simsbury went to Allison Bussolini of Avon.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!



Parish Office Notes

Immediately after Christmas, Fr Collins will be away and will be back towards the end of January 2024. Msgr. Joseph Disciacca will cover the masses and celebrate other sacraments that require the ministry of a priest. During this period there are changes to our mass schedules as follows:

1. This weekend, **December 24th**, mass schedule will remain unchanged including the December 23/24 masses. Our **Christmas Mass schedule** will start on Sunday evening, December 24th at 4:00 pm with our Children's Christmas Vigil Mass and continue with the 8:00 pm for our Christmas Night Mass .
2. On **Monday, December 25th** our Christmas Mass schedule is 8:00 am and 10:00 am.
3. The parish Office will be closed on **Tuesday, December 26th**.
4. There will be only **one weekday mass on Wednesdays** at 8:00 am on December 27th, January 3rd, January 10th, January 17th and January 24th.
5. Our weekly Wednesday, **Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration** at 7:00 pm will continue as usual .
6. On **New Year's Day**, Monday, January 1st there will be an 8:00 am mass.



Gazing Upon the Mother of God

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year B)

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." [Luke 1:26-28](#)

What an amazing experience this would have been. This humble servant of God, a young girl, was visited by the archangel Gabriel and greeted with the salutation, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." Try to imagine her experience. She was humble beyond comprehension, filled with every heavenly virtue, loved God with all her heart and suddenly came face-to-face with this glorious and most magnificent archangel. And this heavenly visitor showered the deepest of praises upon this lowly servant of the Lord.

At first, in her humility, Mary simply pondered this greeting. She pondered it in her heart through prayer and faith. Then the archangel spoke further: "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Though Mary inquired further about how this could be, she quickly gave her consent: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." And it was these words of this young woman that continuously echoed in her heart throughout her life.

Mother Mary was great for many reasons. She was the Immaculate Conception—the one singularly conceived without sin in the womb of her own mother. She was the one chosen by the Father to bring forth the Savior of the World as her only begotten Son. But her greatness is especially found in her ongoing submission to the will of God. "May it be done to me according to your word." This is what she said over and over throughout her life. This is her perfect "fiat" to her God. All she knew was surrender and submission to all that God asked of her. And it is this, more than anything else, that made her the worthy Mother of God.

Though none of us were immaculately conceived within our mother's wombs and none of us have remained without sin throughout our lives, we must all strive to be inspired by this holy woman. We must all ponder her deep humility and her willing acceptance of God's will in her life. And we must all strive to imitate her fiat and her perfect virtue.

Imitation of our Blessed Mother is accomplished by first coming to know her, understand her and love who she is. Gazing upon her interior beauty and holiness presents us with the vision of the perfection to which we are all called. As we prayerfully gaze upon her heart and come to understand her virtues more clearly we will be inspired to open our own hearts so as to imitate her by the grace of God. This prayerful exercise is one of the best and quickest ways to obtain the heights of holiness to which God has called us.

Reflect, today, upon this holy daughter of the Most High. She is not one we can "figure out." Instead, she is one whom we can come to know through prayer and through God's inspiration. Ponder her prayerfully. Be open to her inspiration. And allow the Holy Spirit to also overshadow you so that you will more closely be able to imitate her in her holy virtues.

My dearest Mother, you lived a life of perfect virtue and holiness. You continuously pondered the mysteries of God in your heart and always surrendered to the will of God with perfection. Please inspire me so that I may not only learn from you but also be able to share in the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit given to you. Mother Mary, pray for us. Jesus, I trust in You.

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- **Stabilize Contributions.** Regularly scheduled gifts occur automatically. Allows church to effectively manage monthly expenses.
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You can go to our website at : <https://www.sp4c.org/> and click the **Giving** menu item and then **Getting Started with Online Giving** or scan the QR code.



Word of Life † December 24

"O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations... Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Prayer for Radical Solidarity (www.respectlife.org/prayer-for-radical-solidarity)



December 25	Christmas Day Mass 8:00 am and 10:00 am
December 26	Parish Office closed for holiday
December 27	Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration 7:00 pm
December 28	Bell Choir Rehearsal 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:

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QR CODE:



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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