

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

Mr. Rob Dupre: (860) 299-3335

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Mr. Chris Casey: (860) 904-8138

Facilities Committee

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Human Needs Ministry

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Mr. Rich Stoops: (860) 693-1913

Youth Ministry Program

Chloe Ferraro

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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



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. - Jn 3:20-21

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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

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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, 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

Monday, March 11

8:00 am Healing mass for Joe Harkins as requested by Paula Allan

Tuesday, March 12

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

Wednesday March 13

8 :00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

Thursday, March 14

9:00 am No Mass

Friday, March 15

800 am No Mass

Saturday, March 16


5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick's

Sunday March 17

8:00 am Jean Lamothe as requested by Rob Lamothe

10:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

Faith Formation Calendar

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
March 17	1 st , 6 th , 7 th , 8 th grades	In Person 8:55-9:55 am
March 18	3 rd grade	Virtual @ 6:30 pm
March 24	BLESSING BAG PROJECT - All grades should come! Families are invited to help too! 8:55-9:55 am	
March 25	First Holy Communion	In Person @ 6 pm
 March 29 - April 13 Easter & Spring Break – No Classes The Faith Formation Team wishes you and your family a blessed Easter!		

**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!



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.



Parish Support

Week of 2/29/24 to 3/6/24

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 2,936.00

Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$ 1,617.00

Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$ 4,553.00

Facilities \$ 111.00

Monthly- Snow Plowing

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ 762.00

Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$ 440.00

Monthly Collection Total \$ 1,202.00

Grand Total: \$ 5,866.00

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



A Day of Prayer and Adoration

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Following the 8:00 am Mass on Wednesday, March 20, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar and will be there throughout the day with communal evening prayer and benediction. Please sign up for some personal time of prayer with the Lord.

The sign-up sheet is located at the main entrance of the church and includes 30 minute time slots. You may sign up for as many slots as you wish. If the time you want is already signed for, please feel free to still join us. We would like to see very time slot filled so as not to leave the Blessed Sacrament without company.

At 7:00 pm we will have **Praise and Worship**. During the **Praise and Worship** service, Fr Anthony Frederico will give a talk on "**Discovering Oneself in Christ: A Journey of grace and Courage Through Life's Twist and Turns.**" Following the talk, we will conclude the day with benediction.



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.



In Loving Memory "Jerome Winters"

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

Seeking the Full Truth

The Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year B)

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." [John 3:14-15](#)

The line quoted above concludes a dialogue that Jesus had with Nicodemus, a Pharisee and a member of the Sanhedrin. This is the first of three times Nicodemus is mentioned in the Gospel of John. The second time he appears is when he reminds the other members of the Sanhedrin that a man must be first heard before he is condemned. The third time was when Jesus was killed and Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes to prepare Jesus' body for burial.

Jesus was not accepted by most of the Pharisees and within the Sanhedrin. For that reason, Nicodemus was taking a risk by going to him at night to talk. But Jesus clearly senses faith in the heart of Nicodemus, which is why when Nicodemus asks Jesus about His teaching, Jesus answers him. Unlike the other Pharisees, Nicodemus was not trying to trap our Lord; he sincerely wanted to understand.

At the beginning of this dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus, Nicodemus professes the beginning of faith in Jesus when he says, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you are doing unless God is with him" ([John 3:2](#)). Interestingly, Jesus then speaks to Nicodemus in figures of speech, saying that one can only enter the Kingdom of God when they are "born from above" and "born from water and the Spirit." Nicodemus tries to understand but fails. Jesus then gently rebukes him by saying, "You are the teacher of Israel and you do not understand this?" ([John 3:10](#)). Jesus then goes on to speak further in symbolic language and figures of speech, concluding with the beginning of today's Gospel quoted above when He speaks in a veiled way about His coming crucifixion.

One thing that is important to understand from this dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus is that Jesus' language is veiled in symbolic language because, even though Nicodemus was on the right path, he was not yet ready for the full revelation of the Gospel. He could not yet fully comprehend all that our Lord came to reveal. Thus, Jesus spoke in veiled language and invited Nicodemus to keep seeking its hidden meaning.

In our own lives, we can come to God and want Him to speak clearly and definitively to us, revealing His perfect will for our lives. But often He doesn't. Why? Because God knows we are not yet ready for the full truth. When He speaks to us and when we gain insight in one way or another, this is good and reveals we are on the right path. But the Gospel, in its fullness, is so radical and so demanding that most people are **not** yet ready for the full truth. Therefore, in His compassion, God gives us only what we can handle at the moment. But this humble truth should encourage us, as it did Nicodemus, to not give up and to continue opening ourselves to the fullness of the Word of God.

Reflect, today, upon how open you are to the fullness of God's Word. What would happen if God were to reveal to you, by an immediate personal revelation of divine knowledge, all that was in His sacred mind? Would it be too much for you to handle? Yes, it would be. But that humble admission is an important step toward that very goal. Humble yourself, today, more fully before the mysterious Word of God and pray that you will continue to be changed and open so that the clarity of God's truth will more fully penetrate your soul.

My teaching Lord, Your sacred Truth is so deep, so profound and so transforming that it remains too much for me to fully comprehend and embrace. For that reason, I thank You for the mercy of speaking to me in veiled ways so as to continually draw me deeper in my faith and knowledge of You. Please continue to open my mind and heart to You so that, one day, I will understand Your Truth most fully. Jesus, I trust in You.

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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*, with any questions at ffd@spcolct.org. Thank you for your support!



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").



Parish Council Elections

The nominating process for Parish Council members will be open from April 6 to April 21. Be ready to offer your nominations when the process opens!! Details to follow!!

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!



March 12	WSP Meeting 6:30 pm Parish Hall
March 13	Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration 7:00 pm
March 14	Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Church
March 15	Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm
March 16	St Patrick's Dinner following 5:00 pm mass



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!

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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

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