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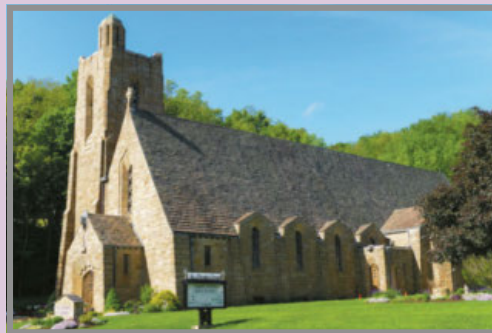


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Mr. Rob Dupre: (860) 299-3335

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Mr. Chris Casey: (860) 904-8138

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Call Rectory: (860) 693-8727

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Mrs. Sharon Fuller: ((860) 916-7610

Human Needs Ministry

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

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Mr. Rich Stoops: (860) 693-1913

Youth Ministry Program

Chloe Ferraro

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Liturgy Committee

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Men's Fraternity

Mr. Rich Stoops: (860) 693-1913

Men's Retreat

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Mr. Rob Dupre: (860) 299-3335

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Mrs. Carline Thurston: (860) 693-4231

Rosary at Cherry Brook

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SPYRIT 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Youth

Group

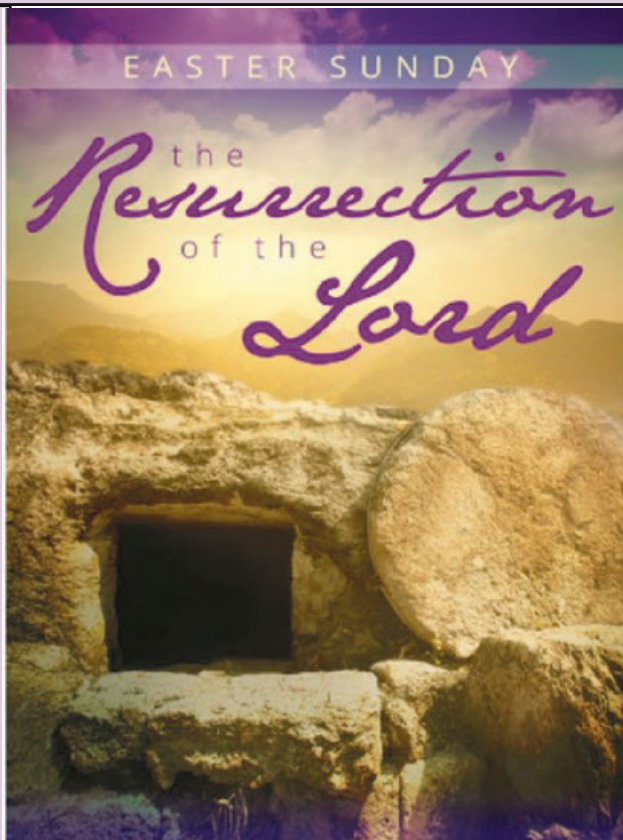
CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

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

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 30

5:00 pm Paul Muhs as requested by the Bangs Family

Sunday March 31

8:00 am Stanislaw Piendak as requested by the Collins Family

10:00 am Enderline N. Anaeché

Monday, April 1

8:00 am No Mass

Tuesday, April 2

8:00 am No Mass

Wednesday April 3

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

Thursday, April 4

8:00 am No Mass

Friday, April 5

8:00 am No Mass

Saturday, April 6

8:00 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

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 3/20/24 to 3/25/24

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 3,675.25

Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$ 1,087.00

Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$ 4,762.25

Facilities \$ 0.00

Monthly- Facilities Fund

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ 521.00

Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$ 0.00

Monthly Collection Total \$ 521.00

Grand Total: \$ 5,283.25

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.



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.

HE IS RISEN



Glory Beyond Imagination!

Easter Sunday (Year B)

“Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ Behold, I have told you.” Matthew 28:5-7

The Lord has truly risen! Alleluia! Sin and death have been destroyed, and new life has been offered to all who cling to the Savior in faith. What a glorious day we celebrate today!

Matthew’s Gospel, quoted above, is read at the Easter Vigil Mass. Prior to the reading of this Gospel are seven Old Testament readings, each followed by a psalm, as well as a New Testament reading, another psalm and the Gospel. There are seventeen readings in all at the Easter Vigil! For that reason, the Easter Vigil is called “the mother of all vigils.” Though many people have not had the opportunity to participate in the Easter Vigil, it is helpful to understand it, because its structure and length reflect the awe and wonder we must have at the Resurrection of Christ.

The Vigil Mass begins in darkness, after the sun sets, with all the lights out in the Church. Outside, a new “blazing fire” is lit and blessed that symbolizes the Light of Christ that dispels all darkness. From that fire, the Easter candle and other candles held by the faithful in the church are lit, and the new light illuminates the church. The procession into the church with the candles is followed by the singing of the ancient hymn the Exultat. That hymn is the Church’s announcement of the Resurrection of Christ and is filled with profound theology, presented with youthful excitement and amazement. The tabernacle remains empty as a way of inviting the faithful to anticipate the celebration of the Eucharist once again. The lengthy Liturgy of the Word follows, as it recounts the history of God’s plan of salvation. Finally, the Sacraments of Initiation are celebrated within the Mass that culminates with the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist.

Why is so much solemnity given to this celebration? Because Easter is worth it! Nothing ever has been and nothing ever will be more glorious than the triumph of the Son of God over sin and death. Easter must fill us with awe and wonder. Because of His death and Resurrection, our lives are changed forever. Therefore even if you are not able to participate in the “mother of all vigils,” try to learn the lessons this vigil teaches.

Among the many lessons we can learn from the Easter Vigil is that God’s glorious plan of salvation unfolds over time and then culminates with glory beyond imagination. This is especially depicted through the many readings in the Liturgy of the Word. The first reading for that Mass comes from Genesis and recounts the six days of creation. We then read the story of Abraham, our father in faith, and how his trust in God was tested when he was told to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice, in a prefiguration of the Father in Heaven offering His only Son for us all. We then read the story of Moses leading the people

out of Egypt from slavery through the Red Sea. The waters of the Red Sea are a symbol of Baptism that crushes sin and leads us to freedom. Readings from the prophets Isaiah, Baruch and Ezekiel follow, revealing the unfolding of God’s promise of the gift of salvation to come.

At times in life, we can become impatient. We tend to want what we want when we want it. But the lesson of the Holy Scriptures is that God’s plan is not only perfect but is also fulfilled only in accord with God’s timing. This is His perfect wisdom. It’s a wisdom that we cannot always comprehend. In the end, if we embrace the perfect plan of God in our lives, we will share in the Resurrection of Christ. Nothing could ever be better than this. There is nothing that this world can offer us that even comes close to the glorious reward of sharing in the Resurrection of Christ.

As we celebrate the great Solemnity of Easter, reflect, today, upon the fact that God’s plan for your life is perfect. It’s a plan that God wants to unfold for you one step at a time. The end result is the glory of the Resurrection! It’s a life of perfection with Him in Heaven when every tear will be wiped away. It’s a plan that removes every sin, sorrow and suffering, and leads you to the fullness of joy. The way to embrace that plan is to take one step at a time as God leads. Little by little, God wants to change you, free you, forgive you, strengthen you and set you on the path to glory. Believe in the most awe-inspiring glory that you could ever share in. Believe in the promise of the Resurrection. Make sharing in it your one and only goal in life, and let God lead you down that path, one step at a time.

My resurrected Lord, the glory that we celebrate today, the glory of Your Resurrection, is far above anything I can imagine. The new life given to all who surrender their lives to You is glorious and awe-inspiring. Please help me to keep my mind and heart fixated upon this glorious promise and to always allow You to lead me toward it, one step at a time. 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. 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!**



April 2	Parish Council Meeting 6:30 pm Parish Hall
April 3	Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration 7:00 pm
April 4	Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Church
April 8	Human Needs Committee Meeting 7:00 Parish Hall



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>

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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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