

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

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Mr. Chris Casey: (860) 904-8138

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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



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2011, 1998, 1975, CCB

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 23

5:00 pm Paul & Beverly Bangs as requested by the Bangs Family

Sunday March 24

8:00 am Jerome Winters as requested by the Winalsky Family

10:00 am Enderline N. Anaeché

Monday, March 25

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

Tuesday, March 26

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Wednesday March 27

8:00 am William Tully as requested by Lamberty Family

Thursday, March 28

7:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick's

Friday, March 29

3:00 pm Liturgy

Saturday, March 30


8:00 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

Faith Formation Calendar

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 – March 31 - No Classes for Easter The Faith Formation Team wishes you and your family a blessed Easter!		
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

**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 3/14/24 to 3/19/24

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 2,331.65

Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$ 1,157.00

Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$ 3,488.65

Facilities \$ 196.00

Monthly- Easter Flowers & Decorations

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ 546.05

Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$ 140.00

Monthly Collection Total \$ **686.05**

Grand Total: \$ **4,370.70**

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



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday ~ March 28

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 pm

Holy Hour follows immediately after 7:00 pm Mass

Good Friday ~ March 29

Liturgy at 3:00 pm

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday ~ March 30

Easter Basket Food Blessing at 10:00 am

Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday ~ March 31

Masses at 8:00am & 10:00am

PLEASE NOTE: We will NOT have our regular weekly Holy Hour/Adoration on Wednesday, March 27

EASTER BASKET FOOD BLESSING **Saturday~ March 30 ~ 10:00 am**



The "Blessing of the Easter Basket" is one of the most beloved and enduring traditions of Eastern Europeans on Holy Saturday during Easter. Baskets contain a sampling of Easter food and are brought to church on Holy Saturday to be blessed. The Easter food items and other items have a specific significance.

Please plan on creating your own family Easter basket and bring it to St Patrick's Church to be blessed on Holy Saturday! Perhaps make this a new fun Family Easter tradition.

I would like to thank **Chloe Ferraro** and **Jodi Dickson** for providing coverage while I was on vacation during the month of Feb. I appreciate the effort you made to cover for me during my absence. Thank you!

Terry St Gelais



Hosanna! To the Suffering Christ!

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (Year B)

Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!" [Mark 11:9-10](#)

Throughout Jesus' life, He traveled to Jerusalem many times. As a child, He was presented in the Temple. At age twelve, He was found teaching the teachers of the Law in the Temple. As He grew, He made regular pilgrimages to the Temple. During His temptation in the desert, the devil took Him to the pinnacle of the Temple. In the Gospels, we read of at least four different trips to the Temple during Jesus' public ministry. However, the trip to Jerusalem that we commemorate today was unlike any other. As Jesus entered Jerusalem this time, His life was already being sought by the religious leaders. Despite that fact, Jesus entered Jerusalem with great solemnity and with much attention. "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" was the cry by the crowd as Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey while palm branches and cloaks were strewn before Him.

Though this was the most fitting way for the people of faith to welcome their King, their warm welcome, their cries "Hosanna!" and their excitement were more beneficial to them than they were to Jesus. Jesus is God. He has no need of our praise and honor. But Jesus came to us to invite us to praise, honor and worship Him because it is good for us. We need to praise Him. This is what we are made for. This leads to the fulfillment of our lives.

As we begin Holy Week, try to spend time with this image of the people honoring our Lord with much enthusiasm. This is an image depicting who we must become. As we continue through this Holy Week, we must become increasingly aware of the God to Whom we offer our praise and worship. He is a God Who lowered Himself in the eyes of all, took on the form of a slave, permitted Himself to be labeled as a grave sinner, was rejected, beaten and killed. This week, especially, we worship the suffering Christ. We worship a Man Who was arrested and cruelly treated. We worship a Man who was hated and mistreated in the worst way possible.

Our wholehearted worship of the suffering Christ is an important act to fulfill. In many ways, it is easier to worship God as He is in Heaven on His glorious throne. When we ponder the myriads of angels gathered around Him, the saints of all time bowing to the ground and glory and splendor radiating from His face, worship seems right. To worship a Man accused of being a criminal and suffering capital punishment while enduring the hatred of many is more difficult to comprehend. But if we are able to see Jesus through the eyes of faith and peer through the hatred and lies that surrounded Him, then we will be in awe of the humility of our God Who came to us this way.

Our worship of the suffering Christ also invites us to share in His virtue as He endured all that was inflicted upon Him. When we worship the humiliated Christ our humiliations take on new power and meaning. When we worship the

suffering Christ, our sufferings are elevated to share in His redemption. When we worship the rejected, despised and persecuted Christ, any ways that we share in these hardships are transformed.

Reflect, today, upon the God Whom you worship this Holy Week. Do not shy away from all that Jesus endured. Gaze at His rejection and passion. Look at the hatred He endured. As you do, see not only your glorious God, see also the remedy for all your ills. God descended to us in this most humble form so that He could meet us where we are at and raise us to new life with Him.

My suffering Lord, I worship You and praise You with all my heart. As You entered Jerusalem for the Passover, You intended to give new power to that celebration by becoming the New and Eternal Paschal Lamb. May I always worship You Who suffered for me and give to You all that I endure in life to be transformed by Your saving act. 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!**



Thank You !

Thanks so much to all our parishioners for helping to make our St Patrick's dinner such a success!! All who attended enjoyed great food and fellowship.

Thanks also to the following:

- ~Parish Council who sponsored the dinner
- ~Those who sold the tickets
- ~Those who cooked Rich Stoops, Jeff Leduc, Collen Grasso, Linda Fortier and Stacey McDonald
- ~The Youth who served our guests
- ~Those who baked and provided desserts
- ~Those who cleaned up

The help of so many was a blessing! Thanks again to all for making it a special night



PALM SUNDAY



March 28	Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm
March 29	Good Friday Liturgy 3:00 pm Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm
March 30	Easter Basket Food Blessing 10:00 am



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/1PflK131WBT2RezanP6bjutzUySqiffxx/view?usp=share_link



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 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").

Regular Bulletin Deadline — Tuesdays, 12 pm

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