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Mr. Chris Casey: (860) 904-8138

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Lectio Divina

Mr. Rich Stoops: (203) 910-5588

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Coordinator Needed

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CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

SPYRIT 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Youth Group

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Usher/Greeter Ministry

Mr. David Sherman: (860) 810-8594

Women of St. Patrick's

(860) 693-8727



2nd Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.'" Jn 1:29

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

Typically, the last Wednesday of every

Month from 7:00 - 8:00 pm

(Please check the bulletin for any schedule changes.)

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, January 17
5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick

Sunday, January 18
8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick
10:00 am Special Intention as requested by Lori Kluessendorf

Monday, January 19
8:00 am No Mass

Tuesday, January 20
8:00 am No Mass

Wednesday, January 21
8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick

Thursday, January 22
8:00 am No Mass

Friday, January 23
8:00 am No Mass

Saturday, January 24
5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick

Sunday, January 25
8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick
10:00 am Martha Apanovitch as requested by a Friend

Faith Formation

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Jan 18	NO CLASSES - Martin Luther King Jr Day	
Jan 25	9-10 AM	Class Group A
	11:15 am	Confirmation Y1 & Y2- Carlo Movie
	6-7 pm	First Holy Communion
	6-7:30 pm	Class Group B
Feb 1	9-10 AM	Class Group A
	6-7:20 pm	First Holy Communion
Feb 8	9-10 AM	Class Group A
	11:15 am	Bridge Team Meeting 
	12:45 am	Confirmation Y1
	6-7 pm	First Holy Communion
	6-7:30 pm	Class Group B

Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration

Our Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration will be held on the last Wednesday of the month.



Schedule of Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration

January 28,	7:00 PM	April 29,	7:00 PM
February 25,	7:00 PM	May 27,	7:00 PM
March 25,	7:00 PM	June 24	7:00 PM

Parish Support

Week of 1/8/25 to 1/14/25

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 3196.00
 Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$ 1674.00
Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$ 4,870.00

Facilities \$ 0.00

Monthly -Facilities Fund

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ 745.00
 Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$ 101.00
Monthly Collection Total \$ 846.00

Grand Total: \$ 5716.00

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

FAMILY MOVIE

Night sponsored by the Faith Formation Program

Is your family looking for something fun to do on a cold Friday night? Join us for a family-friendly movie night featuring

Yes Day starring Jennifer Garner & Edgar Ramirez.

Friday, January 30 from 6-8 PM
in the church hall

Grab your blankets, camp chairs, and meet us for a fun night out!

We will have a popcorn machine and drinks (but, please bring a favorite snack to share).



Welcome Newly Baptized

Congratulations to the parents of

Owen Antoni Jusiega

Who was baptized here on Sunday, January 11, 2026

Parish Office Notes

Fr Collins is away and will be back towards the end of January 2026. Msgr. Joseph Disciacca is covering the masses and celebrating other sacraments that require the ministry of a priest. Please note the following:

- The weekend mass schedule will remain unchanged
- There will be only **one weekday mass on Wednesdays** at 8:00 am on **January 21 and January 28.**
- Our monthly **Wednesday Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration** at 7:00 pm is scheduled for **January 28.**

Reflections—Everyday Stewardship

Play That One Again

How many times have you sung the church song, “Here I Am, Lord”? If you grew up Catholic and are around my age (still 50!), the answer is more than you can count. The song that quotes various verses of Scripture is sung using guitar, piano, or organ, by cantors and choirs, in traditional and modern churches. It is truly a Catholic greatest hit of the modern Church. The question is how many times when singing the refrain have you really taken to heart what you were singing.

“Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.” Like the biblical figure Samuel, we are responding to the call of God by asking for clarification that we are indeed the one being called. We then follow up the question with a profound statement: “I will go if You lead me.” It is profound because we are pledging to our God that we are willing to go wherever He wants. We are accepting the challenge put forth in the U.S. Bishops’ pastoral letter, “Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response,” to become mature disciples who respond to the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We have sung this pledge repeatedly for many years.

We never have any idea what God will call us to do and where to go. Sometimes the request can ask us for quite a lot. Hopefully, we respond like a mature disciple. If not, maybe we should reflect more the next time this song is played. The melody will not allow for the words, “I will see if I am busy and then decide to go if you lead me.” Then again, I don’t want to sing that to God, the source of all life anyway. Do you?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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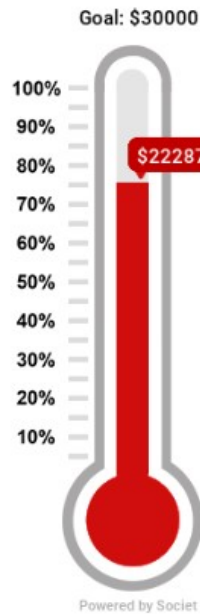


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COME TO PRAY The church is opened from 8:00 am—4:00pm, Monday through Wednesday for anyone who wishes to come & pray. Please use the side door near the water fountain.



2025 ANNUAL PASTOR’S APPEAL

As of 1/14/26, we have raised **\$22,287** towards our goal of \$30,000.

Thank you to those who have already contributed!

Donations of any amount are appreciated and will go towards funding the replacement of some of the worn-out exterior wood walls of the rectory, which require urgent attention. We hope you will prayerfully consider participating in this Appeal.

Thank You!

Lectio Divina

“Why not resolve to broaden your faith practice this new year? Add a prayerful reading of the Sacred Scripture to your personal prayer life and join us at **St. Patrick’s LECTIO DIVINA** meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. We gather downstairs on the stage area. We hope you will join us on January 22nd at 6:00 pm. Call **Yvonne (860-707-0838)** or **Rich Stoops (203-910-5588)** for more information or with questions.”

THIS MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY, WE PRAY FOR A RENEWED COMMITMENT TO LOVE, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND NONVIOLENCE



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Readings for the week of January 18, 2026

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/
Jn 1:29-34

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk
2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk
3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-
13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk
3:20-21

Next Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13,
17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE-

January 18, 2026 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time John 1:29-34

It's common to hear belief in Jesus and the Church mocked as blind faith and credulity. But in reality, it is deeply human and rational. Think about it: we rely on the testimony of others constantly. I trust chemists who certify the safety of toothpaste and cleaning products. I trust engineers when I use a microwave or drive over a bridge. Why? Because they have studied and seen what I have not, and their testimony proves itself in daily life. That kind of trust is not irrational; it is how human knowledge works.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist declares: **"Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God" (John 1:34).** That is the language of an eyewitness. It invites us into a very human act: trusting someone who has directly encountered something — or Someone — we have not yet fully seen ourselves.

The Church's faith is built on this kind of reliable sight-based testimony. The Apostles did not make abstract claims. They saw, followed, suffered for, and proclaimed Jesus Christ. Over centuries, their witness — carried in Scripture, in the lives of the saints, and in the sacramental life of the Church — has proven dependable. We come to know its truth by assenting to it, by living and studying it, praying with it, trusting it. Faith in Christ is not a childish leap into the dark. It is a step into the light of testimony that proves itself over time.

— Father John Muir

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Word of Life † January 18

"Even with the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* in June 2022, a decision that returns the abortion issue to the electorate, many states continue not to recognize children in their mothers' wombs as persons warranting protection under the law.

Federal laws in our country fail to protect the lives of unborn children, and many political leaders at the state and federal level, work actively to increase access to abortion. Some falsely describe it as health care and even as a basic human right."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Priorities at the Polls"

Saint of the week -St Sebastian

Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 – 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes.

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Instruction on Receiving Communion

Question:

How many times a day can a person receive communion?

Answer:

To find an answer to this question, we need to turn to the Church's Code of Canon Law. Here we read, "One who has received the blessed Eucharist may receive it again on the same day only within a Eucharistic celebration in which that person participates ..." (no. 917). This tells us that the standard answer would be that we can receive communion twice in a day.

Having said that, we also want to be sure that we pay attention to the entire instruction. The phrase "within a Eucharistic celebration in which that person participates" is important. It means a) that we always have to think of receiving communion as being within a celebration of the Mass and b) we have to be participants in that celebration – we can't simply show up "in time" for communion.

So, when would this rule apply?

For example, if you attend Mass on a Saturday morning and then take part in the Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday evening, you could licitly receive communion at both celebrations. Or, another example, if you receive communion at a wedding or funeral Mass, you could also receive communion at a daily Mass or Sunday Vigil celebrated on the same day. We always want to be sure that we observe the rules for fasting from food and drink before receiving the eucharist (see Code of Canon Law, no. 919).

We should also remember that the Code of Canon Law instructs that anyone who is in danger of death or seriously ill may also receive communion a second time (no. 91, §2).

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JANUARY

January 22	Lectio Divina Parish Hall 6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Church
January 30	Family Movie Night Parish Hall 6:00 pm

St Matthew School, Forestville, CT
Please join us for our upcoming **Pre-K3 through Grade 8** Open House on **Sunday, January 25, from 10:00 am-12:00 pm** to discover a school family where your child will flourish! Questions before you visit? Contact Kate Ricci, Administrative Assistant, at 860.583.5214 or kricci@smsct.org.

Open House for Pre-K3 through Grade 8
Sunday, January 25
10:00am - 12:00pm

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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:
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