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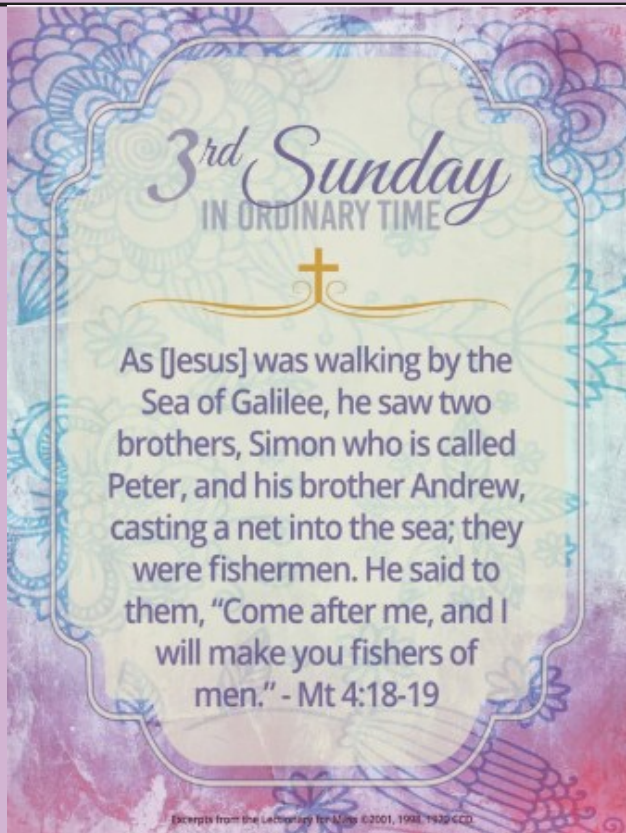
CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

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Mr. David Sherman: (860) 810-8594

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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.

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Please enter through the rear entrance of the Church

Allergies

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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 24
5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick

Sunday, January 25
8:00 am Special Intention as requested by the McMahon Family
10:00 am Martha Apanovitch as requested by a Friend

Monday, January 26
8:00 am No Mass

Tuesday, January 27
8:00 am No Mass

Wednesday, January 28
8:00 am Healing Mass for Debbie Vilardi as requested by the WSP

Thursday, January 29
8:00 am No Mass

Friday, January 30
8:00 am No Mass

Saturday, January 31
5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick

Sunday, February 1
8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick
10:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick

Faith Formation

DATE	TIME	EVENT
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
	9-10 AM	Class Group A
Feb 1	9-10 AM	Class Group A
	6-7:20 pm	First Holy Communion
Feb 8	9-10 AM	Class Group A Bridge Team Meeting 
	11:15 am	Confirmation Y1
	12:45 am	Confirmation Y2
	2-3 pm	First Holy Communion



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 1/15/25 to 1/21/25

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 2,799.00
 Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$ 1,211.00
Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$ 4,010.00

Facilities \$ 15.00

Monthly -N/A

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ 0.00
 Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$ 0.00
Monthly Collection Total \$ 0.00

Grand Total: \$ 4,025.00

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).



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 28**.
- Our monthly **Wednesday Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration** at 7:00 pm is scheduled for **January 28**.



Welcome New Parishioners!

A warm welcome to **Ian Herve Chu Te**

It's a delight to have him join our parish family here at St Patrick's Church. It is hoped that he will grow in faith and community.

Reflections—Everyday Stewardship

Do You Know Him, or Just Know About Him?

Facebook, Twitter, and other forms of social media can be powerful tools of communication. They allow people to stay in touch. They provide an avenue for fresh ideas. People can be engaged in conversations and be exposed to issues of the day in ways few could have dreamed of just a few decades ago. But social media can also give the false sense of really knowing someone, when only the surface has been scratched about who a person is in reality.

You don't really know someone just because you know a lot about him or her and are linked to a profile online. Unfortunately, people develop emotional attachments to the idea of a person all the time. If they do find themselves fortunate enough to meet the person face-to-face one day, they can often find out they never really knew the person in the first place.

There are people who believe they know Jesus so very well. They can readily share their view of what Jesus would do or wouldn't do in a given situation. They own items like crosses and Bibles that seem to provide evidence of this person they know so well. Sometimes, they even strongly admonish others because their view of Jesus is certainly not in line with their own.

But in Luke 13, Jesus speaks about those who claim to know him, but they really do not belong to him at all. They make claims based upon what they have seen and heard, but they have never allowed Jesus to truly change them. They are like Facebook followers; seemingly close, but with no real relationship at all.

Do you know Jesus? Don't just be a fan. Invite Jesus into your life and let the real relationship begin.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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WELCOME BACK!

We welcome back the following Pilgrims of Hope from their retreat at Holy Family:

Kevin Brophy, Dennis Carey, Bill Connon, Mark Homan, Jeff LeDuc, Al McGunnigle, Mike Poirier, Richie Stoops, Larry Sullivan, Tom Whalen, Greg Ugalde.

Tom Turick and Peter Fortier had planned to attend but had a change in plans. We missed them.

We were delighted that Deacon Ken and Monsignor Joe were able to join us on Saturday.

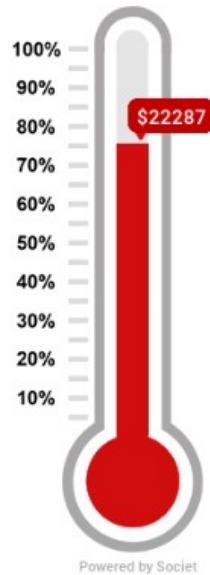
Thanks to Terry St. Gelais for all her help with bulletin and Lector announcements.

Next year's retreat will be **Jan 15-17, 2027**

Chairpersons.

Moe Poirier and Tom Turick

Goal: \$30000



2025 ANNUAL PASTOR'S APPEAL

As of 1/21/26, we have raised **\$22,287** towards our goal of \$30,000.

Thank you to those who have already contributed!

If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider making a donation to the Pastor's Appeal. 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!

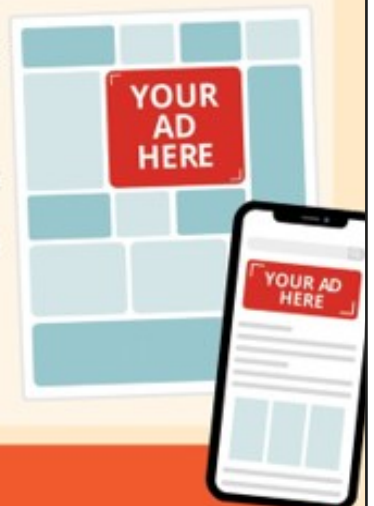
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Readings for the week of January 25, 2026

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

Monday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 (520)/ Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE-

January 25, 2026 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 4:12-23

I was 22 years old, lying in bed one night while on a pilgrimage, when I suddenly sensed an idea in my mind: "Go to the seminary." There was no voice, no vision, but a gentle and unmistakable clarity. I simply prayed, "Lord, if that's from you, let me find great joy in it." Three days later, my heart was bursting with joy. I dropped everything and entered the seminary. The older I get, the stranger my rather careless and hasty departure seems to me. I followed not because it made sense, or because I was especially brave. I went because the Lord called me.

Something like this happens in today's Gospel. Jesus walks by Simon, Andrew, James, and John and says, "**Come after me**" (Matthew 4:19). And *immediately* they leave their nets and follow. There's no explanation, no hesitation ... just movement. Why? As St. John says, "**In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us**" (1 John 4:10). They do not leave their nets because his call made perfect, calculable sense. They left them because they were called. And Jesus' call is powerful.

Take a moment this week to remember when Christ first called you. However small or quiet it was, recall it, and give thanks. The more we marvel that Christ has called us personally, the more passionately and freely we will follow him.

— Father John Muir

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Word of Life † January 25

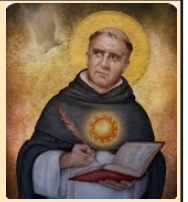
Many people are unaware that someone they know personally is silently suffering from participation in abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Learn how in "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion": <http://bit.ly/friend-had-abortion>

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion"

Saint of the week -St Thomas Aquinas

Priest & Doctor of the Church



One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, "*The Summa Theologiae*."

Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The *Summa Theologiae*, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.

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Wealth

Question:

If one's gift or talent is making money, and one uses that money for honorable purposes, is it considered a spiritual gift? What does our faith teach us about wealth and stewardship?

Answer:

Jesus said it best: to whom much is given, much is expected. All gifts come from God, and our abilities are given to us to be used for the benefit of ourselves and of others and at the service of the Gospel. In an article entitled "The Many Faces of Stewardship," Catherine Doherty wrote about stewardship in the "nitty-gritty everydayness of my life," and about the currency or "money" of spiritual stewardship: love, understanding, and unselfishness.

For a gift to have a spiritual benefit, our intention and involvement would be part of the consideration. If I give money to a charity, but do so in order to gain a tax advantage, it could hardly be a virtuous thing on my part. But if I give because I want to help and, in fact, am even willing to get involved, I have committed myself in a deeper, more meaningful way.

Regardless of our money-making talents, in the end, true stewardship comes down to how well we practice the virtues of faith, hope, and love within our life and with those in our community and church. Ultimately, the most important element in stewardship is not intangible—it's you!

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please join us on Wednesday, January 28 at 7:00pm
for

Eucharistic Adoration

JANUARY

January 29	Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Church
January 30	Family Movie Night Parish Hall 6:00 pm

Saint Patrick Parish



We Want Your Questions!
Have comments or suggestions?

Yes, we take those too!

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