

# 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

### Choir Director

Mr. Chris Casey: (860) 904-8138

### Facilities Committee

Call Rectory: (860) 693-8727

### Haitian Ministry

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

### Human Needs Ministry

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

### Lectio Divina

Mr. Rich Stoops: (860) 693-1913

### Youth Ministry Program

Chloe Ferraro

ym@spcolct.org

### Liturgy Committee

Call Rectory: (860) 693-8727

### Men's Fraternity

Mr. Rich Stoops: (860) 693-1913

### Men's Retreat

Mr. Moe Poirier: (860) 693-4692

### Parish Council President

Mr. Rob Dupre: (860) 299-3335

### Imago Dei (Pro-Life) Ministry

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

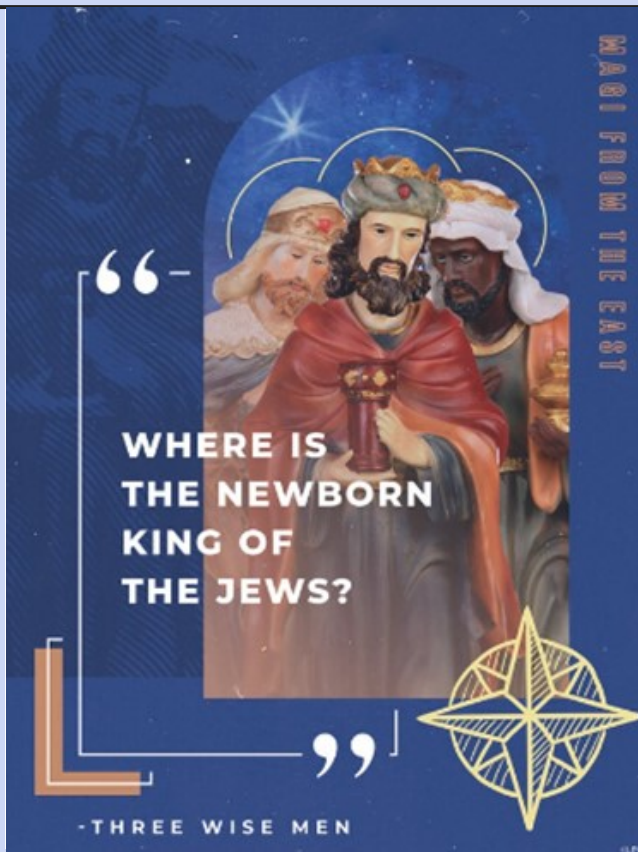
CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

### Usher/Greeter Ministry

Mr. Mike Sinacori: (860) 202-9802

### Women of St. Patrick's

860-693-8727



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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

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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### Chloe Ferraro

Youth Ministry &

Confirmation Coordinator

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### Chris Casey

Music Director

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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, January 6**  
 5:00 pm Marcel Robaczynski as requested by the Family

**Sunday January 7**  
 8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's  
 10:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

**Monday, January 8**  
 8:00 am No Mass

**Tuesday, January 9**  
 8:00 am No Mass

**Wednesday January 10**  
 8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

**Thursday, January 11**  
 9:00 am No Mass

**Friday, January 12**  
 800 am No Mass

**Saturday, January 13**  
 5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick's

**Sunday January 14**  
 8:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick's  
 10:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

## Faith Formation Calendar

Jan 7	1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> grades	In Person @8:55-9:55 am
	7 <sup>th</sup> grade	Virtual @6:30 pm
Jan 8	First Holy Communion	In Person @ 6pm
	5 <sup>th</sup> grade	In Person @6 pm
Jan 9	4 <sup>th</sup> grade	Virtual @ 6 pm
Jan 14	Confirmation Y1	In Person @11:15-12:15
	Confirmation Y2	In Person @12:30-1:30
Jan 20	6 <sup>th</sup> grade	Virtual @8 am

*\*Class dates/times are subject to change.*



### Human Needs Committee

Thank you for your help with the **Giving Tree and Family to Family** this Christmas season. **For the Giving Tree**, we helped sponsored 4 families from Burlington which included 3 children and 3 teenagers. For Canton we collected 26 gift cards totaling \$1,185 as requested by Canton Senior & Social Services. These gift cards were distributed to Canton families in need as identified by Canton Senior & Social Services. **For Family to Family**, we sponsored 11 families from the Maria Reina de la Paz Parish in Hartford for a total of 98 people

*Thank you for your generosity especially during this year and for your continued support of our ministry.*

## Parish Support

### Week of 12/21/23 to 12/27/23

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 3,364.11  
 Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$ 1,414.00  
Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$ 4,778.11

**Facilities** \$ 116.00

### Monthly- Christmas

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ 3,012.01  
 Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$ 185.00

**Monthly Collection Total** \$3,197.01

**Grand Total:** \$ 8,091.12

*Thank you for your generosity and continued support of our St Patrick's Family .*

### Week of 12/28/23 to 1/3/24

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 3,752.00  
 Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$ 1,489.00  
Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$ 5,241.00

**Facilities** \$ 374.25

### Monthly- N/A

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ .00  
 Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$ .00

**Monthly Collection Total** \$ .00

**Grand Total:** \$ 5,615.25

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### WOMEN OF ST PATRICK MEETING & SOUP SOCIAL

**Tuesday -January 9, 2024- 6:30pm**

All women of the parish are invited to attend the WSP Soup Social! What a great way to spend a cold January evening! Following the business meeting, we will be enjoying a sampling of homemade soups, chowders and stews. There will also be bread/rolls, desserts and coffee/tea.

*The WSP encourage all women of the parish...of all ages to attend this fun and tasty evening. Learn about the WSP, enjoy a delicious meal and make friends!*





### The Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, or the first Sunday after January 1

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." [Matthew 2:1-2](#)

The Magi were most likely from Persia, modern-day Iran. They were men who regularly engaged in a study of the stars. They were not Jewish but were most likely aware of the popular belief of the Jewish people that a king would be born who would save them.

These Magi were called by God to encounter the Savior of the World. Interestingly, God used something very familiar to them as an instrument of their calling: the stars. It was among their belief that when someone of great importance was born, this birth was accompanied by a new star. So when they saw this new, bright and brilliant star, they were filled with curiosity and hope. One of the most significant aspects of this story is that they responded. God called them through the use of a star, and they chose to follow this sign, embarking on a long and arduous journey.

God often uses those things most familiar to us that are part of our daily life to send forth His calling. Recall, for example, that many of the Apostles were fishermen, and Jesus used their occupation to call them, making them "fishers of men." He especially used the miraculous catch of fish to clearly indicate to them that they had a new calling.

In our own lives, God is constantly calling us to seek Him out and worship Him. He will often use some of the most ordinary parts of our lives to send forth that calling. How is He calling you? In what way is He sending you a star to follow? Many times when God speaks, we ignore His voice. We must learn from these Magi and diligently respond when He calls. We must not hesitate and must seek to daily be attentive to the ways that God invites us to deeper trust, surrender and worship.

Reflect, today, upon God's call in your life. Are you listening? Are you responding? Are you ready and willing to abandon all else in life so as to serve His holy will? Seek Him, wait on Him and respond. Doing so will be the best decision you ever make.

*Lord, I love You and pray that I will be open to Your guiding hand in my life. May I always be attentive to the countless ways that You call to me each and every day. And may I always respond to You with all my heart. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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*Thank you! Thank You!  
Thank You !!!*

### *The names are too many to list*

Please know how grateful we are to all who volunteered during Advent and Christmas.

What a wonderful December we had here at St. Patrick's with the Advent Wreath Candle-Lighting, Gingerbread Fair, the Children's Christmas Pageant, and Christmas Music Concert and Reception!

We would also like to thank everyone that donated to our Christmas Flowers & Decorations!

We truly appreciate your service. and your donations! May God Bless each and every one of you!

### *Parish Office Notes*

Fr Collins is away and will be back towards the end of January 2024. Msgr. Joseph Disciacca is covering the masses and celebrating other sacraments that require the ministry of a priest. Please note the following:

1. We will have only **one weekday mass on Wednesdays** at 8:00 am on, **January 10th, January 17th and January 24th.**
2. Our weekly Wednesday, **Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration** at 7:00 pm continues as usual.



We express our gratitude to the Women of St Patrick's for their support of our parish. They made a generous donation of \$2,340.75 to defray the cost of repairing the

dishwasher and updating the electrical system in the church kitchen. We thank them for their gifts.

Take and blessings,

*Fr Collins*



### **St Matthew's School Open House**

Are you looking for an *exceptional* school for your child in Pre-K3 through Grade 8? Join us at **St. Matthew School** in Forestville, CT for an **open house on Sunday, January 28 between 9:30am-12:00pm** to discover our outstanding early childhood, elementary, and middle school programs. For more information, visit us at [smsct.org](http://smsct.org), call 860.583.5214, or email [kricci@smsct.org](mailto:kricci@smsct.org). We look forward to sharing more about SMS with you!



Several of you may use our online giving platform for your weekly/monthly contributions but continue to receive Offertory envelopes in the

mail. If you use the online giving platform and would like to discontinue the Offertory envelopes please contact Terry St Gelais at 860-764-4426 or at [aa@sp4c.org](mailto:aa@sp4c.org) so we can remove you from our distribution list.



### **St Patrick's 2024 Calendars Are Here!!**

Don't forget to pick up a St Patrick's 2024 calendar. They are located by each of the church doors!!

# JANUARY

January 9	WSP Meeting & Soup Social 6:30 PM Parish Hall
January 10	Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration 7:00 pm
January 11	Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Church

## 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](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PflK131WBT2RezanP6bjutzUySqiffxx/view?usp=share_link)

## 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

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

New Registration  Change of Information  Request Envelopes