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Collinsville, Connecticut

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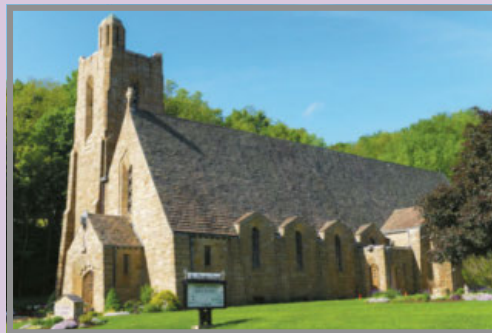


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Mr. Rob Dupre: (860) 299-3335

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

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Liturgy Committee

Call Rectory: (860) 693-8727

Men's Fraternity

Mr. Rich Stoops: (860) 693-1913

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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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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



5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2

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.

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.

Holy Hour & Adoration

Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00pm

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, April 27

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick's

Sunday April 28

8 :00 am Enderline N. Anaeché

10:00 am Rosemarie Thompson as requested by her Family

Monday, April 29

8:00 am Mr & Mrs Edward Kozlak & Son John as requested by the Kozlak Family

Tuesday, April 30

8:00 am Camille Russo

Wednesday May 1

8 :00 am James Sobanski as requested by the Cassavechia Family

Thursday, May 2

8:00 am No Mass

Friday, May 3

8:00 am No Mass

Saturday, May 4

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick's

Sunday May 5

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

10:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

Faith Formation Calendar

Apr 28	3 rd , 4 th , 8 th grades	In Person @ 8:55-9:55 am
	Confirmation Y2	Check-ins @ 11 am Reconciliation @ 5 pm
May 3	First Holy Communion	Rehearsal @ 6 pm
May 4	First Holy Communion	Mass @ 10 am
May 5	End of Year Celebration for all grades	@ 9-10 am
	Crowning Mass	@ 10 am
	Confirmation Mass	@ 2 pm (Cathedral in Hartford)

Registration for the 2024-2025 session will open on June 1, 2024

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



Save the Date for our
FAITH FORMATION END-OF-YEAR PANCAKE PARTY
Sunday, May 5
from 9-10 am

Families are invited to celebrate a great year of Saint Patrick's Faith Formation!

Parish Support

Week of 4/18/24 to 4/24/24

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 2,074.00

Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$ 1,099.00

Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$ 3,173.00

Facilities \$ 120.00

Monthly- N/A

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ 0.00

Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$ 0.00

Monthly Collection Total \$ **0.00**

Grand Total: \$ **3,293.00**

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



THE HELEN DLUBAC MEMORIAL GERANIUM SALE

Saturday May 11, 2024

Church Parking Lot

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4" pot = \$6

10" hangers = \$27

14" tubs = \$40

Please order by **7 p.m. Thursday, May 9** by email to Lori-Klue@sbcglobal.net

Make checks payable to **St Patrick's Church Corporation**. Net proceeds will be used to maintain the statuary and gardens. Upon receipt of order, you will receive a confirmation. **If you do not receive a confirmation within 24 hours, please call (860) 693-6114.**

Thank You for Your Support!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm for Eucharistic Adoration



Welcome New Parishioners!

Please join us in welcoming the following newly registered parishioners to St Patrick's Parish

Courtney & Benjamin Kulas & Family

Alice Donovan & Patrick O'Brien





Seeking to be Pruned

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you." [John 15:1-3](#)

Pruning a vine is an important part of helping it to grow and produce not only more fruit but the best fruit. If left unpruned, a grape vine will eventually produce less fruit and poorer quality fruit. Good pruning helps to direct the nourishment of the vine to the new buds that are most fruitful.

Jesus' teaching above uses the imagery of pruning a vine to help us understand that faith must lead to charity. First, Jesus says that He is the "true vine." He is the only source of the nourishment we need for the new life of grace. He is the only way to Heaven and salvation. Knowing our Lord and being attached to Him firmly is faith. Second, our Lord says that He takes away every branch that does not bear fruit. This indicates that faith without the good fruit of charity is dead and is like a branch on a vine that produces nothing. Third, when Jesus finds a branch that bears good fruit, he doesn't leave it alone. Instead, He prunes it with loving attention so that "it bears more fruit."

To apply these teachings to your own life, begin by looking at your faith as if it were a branch firmly attached to a vine. Do you believe all that God has spoken through His holy Word? It is useful to regularly examine your conscience in regard to your faith. Since faith is the first step in the spiritual life, it must remain firmly grounded in the Truth God has revealed. This means we must regularly study the Word of God as it is revealed through the Scriptures and the catechetical teachings of the Church, and assent to those teachings with all our mind.

Next, after affirming your faith in all that God has spoken through the Scriptures and the Church, try to examine your charity. Do you see concrete acts of love in your life that result from your faith? In other words, we can "love" many things in a purely emotional sort of way. But charity is based on faith, not on how we feel. Charity is the fruit of faith. What acts of charity can you point to in your life? What have you sensed God calling you to do in a selfless and sacrificial way? Have you done it?

Finally, when you discover the ways that charity is alive within you, know that God will focus His pruning there. Pruning can be painful. It will require sacrifice, patience in the face of trial, overcoming selfishness, and doing things you don't feel like doing. In fact, sometimes God even makes charitable acts seem unpleasant as a way of pruning your motivations and making them more pure, based more on faith than on emotion. But this is good.

Reflect, today, upon this holy imagery from Jesus. It's a lesson from nature that reveals the supernatural life of grace at work. Don't be deterred by the pruning God wants to do. Embrace suffering with love, respond to injustice with forgiveness

offer mercy when you don't feel like it, and seek to serve selflessly those who seem undeserving. Doing so will prune you so that God will be able to build up His Kingdom in glorious ways through you.

Jesus, most glorious Vine, You and You alone are the source of all nourishment in life. From You all good things come. Help me to have a firm faith in You and all that You have revealed, so that this faith will bud forth and bring about an abundance of good fruit for the glorious building up of Your Kingdom. Jesus, I trust in You.

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Coming Soon!!

New Votive Candle Stands

Our 2 votive candle stands are due for a change. 2 new stands will replace the ones that are currently located at each sides of the church. The cost of each stand is \$550. If you would like to donate towards the cost of purchasing the stand or make a donation in memory of someone, please drop a check in the collection basket or at the church office with "St Patrick Candle Stand" on the memo line.

Thank you for your support!!

Places of Inner and Outer Turning— Writing the Stories of what We Believe

This Spiritual Writing Workshop with Maureen O'Brien will explore personal narratives of how we have come to form, or perhaps also shed, our own spiritual beliefs. What might begin as a tiny moment can inform what we believed for a lifetime. Other experiences are true epiphanies that also deeply change us. Using journaling techniques and inspiring prompts, we will write about those moments in our lives—what we turned toward or away from. Weaving in literary techniques—dialogue, sensory detail, suspense—we will craft stories of these transformative faith experience in a space of support and inspiration. All levels of writing are welcome.

COME JOIN US May 11, 2024 9:30 am—1:30 pm

At Wisdom House Retreat Center 229 East Litchfield, CT 06759

Cost: \$40(with lunch) Scholarships Available)
www.wisdomhouse.org

Maureen O'Brien writes for Franciscan Media and is the author of the spiritual memoirs : "What Was Lost: Seeking Refuge in the Psalms" and "Gather the Fragments: My Year of Finding God's Love.



In Loving Memory "James & Andrea Minor"

May their souls rest in peace. May God grant comfort and consolation to their family and friends



May 1	Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration 7:00 pm
May 2	Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Church
May 3	First Holy Communion Rehearsal 6:00 pm
May 7	Parish Council Meeting 6:30 pm 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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