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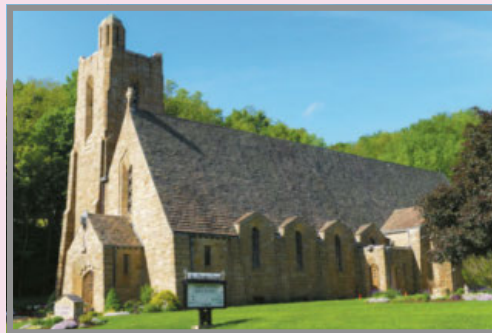


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Altar Server Ministry

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

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Mr. Rich Stoops: (860) 693-1913

Youth Ministry Program

Chloe Ferraro

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Men's Fraternity

Mr. Rich Stoops: (860) 693-1913

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Mr. Rob Dupre: (860) 299-3335

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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

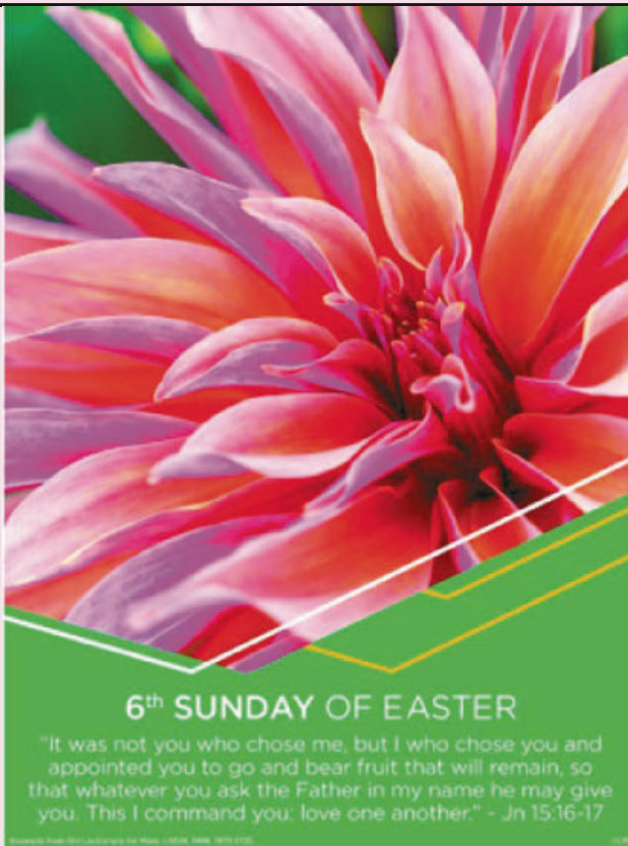
CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

Usher/Greeter Ministry

Mr. Mike Sinacori: (860) 202-9802

Women of St. Patrick's

860-693-8727



6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another." - Jn 15:16-17

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, May 4

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick's

Sunday May 5

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

10:00 am James Johnnides as requested by the Muhs & Bangs Family

Monday, May 6

8:00 am Anthony & Trudy Russo

Tuesday, May 7

8:00 am For the Unborn

Wednesday May 8

8:00 am William Tully as requested by the Lamberty Family

Thursday, May 9

8:00 am Ascension of the Lord—Parishioners of St Patrick's

Friday, May 10

8:00 am No Mass

Saturday, May 11

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick's

Sunday May 12

8:00 am Frank & Carol Lauretti as requested by the Masotti Family

10:00 am Enderline N. Anaeché

Faith Formation Calendar

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.*

Faith Formation End-of-Year Feedback

We value the feedback of our Faith Formation Families. If you had a child registered in our program during the 2023-2024 school year, please scan the QR code below to complete our ANONYMOUS form. Thank you!



ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

May 9th -Holy Day of Obligation Mass at 8:00 am.

Parish Support

Week of 4/25/24 to 5/1/24

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 2,120.00

Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$ 1,489.00

Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$ 3,609.00

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: \$ **3,729.00**

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



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Saturday May 11, 2024

Church Parking Lot

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4" pot = \$6

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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!



Women of St Patrick Meeting & Salad Night

Tuesday - May 14, 2024 - 6:30

ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE

INVITED! to the WSP meeting and Salad night!

Following the business meeting, the women will be enjoying a salad night!

Salad greens and a variety of salad dressings will be provided. Please bring your favorite and creative salad topping / ingredient to share!

Coffee, tea, and desserts will also be served.

Please plan to attend this fun and informative evening. This is an excellent opportunity for the women of our parish to gather, get to know one another and enjoy a fun evening!



Friendship with God

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

"I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another." [John 15:15-17](#)

Just prior to the passage quoted above, Jesus says, "You are my friends if you do what I command you." Is that the measure of true friendship? That we do what our friend commands us to do? That depends upon which friend we are speaking about.

There are many images we use for God. We call Him Father, Savior, Master, Lord, King, Redeemer, Spirit and Friend. When it comes to God as our divine Friend, it is important to understand the nature of that friendship properly. Jesus' friendship is not one that simply makes us "buddies." Friendship with our Lord is not the same as a friendship between two equals. He is God. And because He is God, our friendship with Him takes on unique characteristics that are not present in other friendships. With that said, there could be no greater friend than the Lord Himself.

Among humans, our friendships have various foundations. It could be that two people have mutual interests and they enjoy engaging in those interests together. It could be that two people have spent much pleasant time together since childhood. Or it could be that two people have endured some difficulty together and that experience has bonded them together. But according to Saint Thomas Aquinas, friendship in its purest form is based on just one thing: mutual charity.

Charity is the form of love that is purely selfless. It's a way of relating to another in which a person's sole focus is the good of the other. It is not based on one's own self interests. It's not a matter of "what do I get out of it?" In [1 Corinthians 13:4-8](#), St. Paul defines the love of charity this way: "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails." This is not only the definition of charity, it is also the only foundation for true friendship.

When you consider all of these qualities of charity, you will find that God relates to us in each of these ways. For that reason, God offers us the purest friendship possible. Whether or not we reciprocate these qualities to God will determine the depth of the bond of friendship that we establish with Him.

But there is more. When we love God, we must love Him in a way that is proper and proportionate to Who God is. For example, if we offer charity to God, we seek to fulfill only God's interests and rejoice in the Truth of Who He is. Thus, the charity we offer to God comes in the form of worship. He is God and is worthy of worship, adoration, surrender, trust and

perfect obedience. When it is God we are loving, the very essence of the Person we love requires these responses.

One beautiful and consoling thing to recognize with this form of charity given to God is that it also establishes a true friendship with God. When we offer our worship to God, we are in a position to receive the very life of God in return. And the giving of ourselves, coupled with the reception of the life of God, establishes a bond of holy friendship that will transform us, unite us with Him and fulfill us to perfection. Friendship with God makes us one with Him and opens us to receive everything that He shares with us—namely, His very Self.

Reflect, today, upon the invitation Jesus has offered you to enter into a true friendship with Him. This means that God becomes the center of your life. It means that you seek to give yourself, selflessly and without reserve, to Him Who is deserving of all your love. It means you choose worship and obedience to perfection. The reward of such love is that you are able to enter into a bond that is so holy, so pure and so fulfilling that it completes you, enabling you to become who you were meant to be.

My God and true Friend, You offer me everything in life. You offer me Your perfect love, given fully and without reserve. I pray that I will reciprocate that depth of love and offer to You all that You deserve. I offer You my love, worship and obedience, dear Lord. May this mutual love form a bond that will never end. Jesus, I trust in You.

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A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

As we conclude religious education classes for the year, we wanted to thank those who made our Faith Formation Program a success for the 81 students who participated. The time, energy, and love of those who take on this ministry is not only a blessing to our parish, but a powerful sign of Christian Discipleship - passing on our faith to the next generation, just as the Apostles had many years ago. We cannot thank them enough for all they have done!

The following volunteers served as lead Catechists and assistants in our Faith Formation Program, Sacramental Preparation Programs, and LEGACY Youth Group during 2023-2024 year:

Debra Noel, Kelly Hagymasi, Katie Ellison, Jamie Niemann, Maria Klimczak, Richard Sanzo, Steve Wasseluk, Wendy Gacek, Chloe Ferraro

"May the Lord continue to bless the work they have done and nurture the seeds of faith they have planted in the hearts of their students!"



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



May 7	Parish Council Meeting 6:30 pm Parish Hall
May 8	Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration 7:00 pm
May 9	Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Church
May 14	WSP 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:

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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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