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Coordinator Needed

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SPYRIT 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Youth

Group

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Mr. Mike Sinacori: (860) 202-9802

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860-693-8727



Third Sunday of
ADVENT

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.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, December 14
 5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick's

Sunday December 15
 8:00 am Frank Lauretti as requested by the Masotti Family
 10:00 am Mary Ellen Brady as requested by Kim O'Regan

Monday, December 16
 8:00am Parishioners of St Patrick's

Tuesday, December 17
 8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

Wednesday December 18
 8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

Thursday, December 19
 8:00 am No Mass



Friday, December 20
 8:00 am No Mass

Saturday, December 21
 5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick's

Sunday December 22
 8:00 am Frank Lauretti III
 10:00 am Enderline Anaeché

Faith Formation News

Dec 15	1, 3, 4, 5 grades	9-10 am
	6, 7, 8 grades	6-7:30 pm
Dec 17	First Holy Communion	6-7 pm
Dec 22	1, 3, 4, 5 grades	9-10 am
	Confirmation Y1	11:30 – 12:45 pm
	Confirmation Y2	12:50 – 2:05 pm

 **Christmas Break – Classes resume on January 5, 2025** 

The Faith Formation Team wishes you and your family a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!

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



Free Christmas Music Concert at St. Patrick's

An Evening of Peace, Joy and Hopeful Anticipation

Friday, December 20, 7:00 pm

Vocal, Jazz & Instrumental Arrangements

Featuring the Casey sisters and other prominent musicians

Complimentary wine, cheese and dessert reception
 Immediately following the concert

Family-friendly event, all are welcome. Bring a friend !!

Mass Intentions Available

You may honor a deceased loved one, or someone you know who needs healing with a Mass intention! The suggested donation is \$20 for a weekend Mass or \$10 for a weekday Mass. Please contact the Parish Office.

Parish Support

Week of 12/4/24 to 12/12/24

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 0.00
 Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$ 0.00
Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$ 0.00

Facilities \$ 0.00

Monthly- N/A

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ 0.00

Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$ 0.00

Monthly Collection Total \$ 0.00

Grand Total: \$ 0.00

Due to the early publication date for this bulletin, weekly collection information is not available. It will be included in next week's bulletin.



YOUTH CHRISTMAS CHOIR REHEARSALS

The Youth Christmas Choir will be rehearsing every Sunday, immediately following the 10:00 am Mass. Rehearsals end at 12:00pm. Any questions contact our Music Director, Chris Casey at 860-904-8138 or email him at keycasey@aol.com



O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!

**2024 CHRISTMAS MASS
 Tuesday, December 24th**

4:00 pm Children's Christmas Vigil Mass
 8:00 pm Night Mass

Wednesday, December 25th

8:00 am Christmas Morning
 10:00 am Christmas Morning



Welcome New Parishioners!

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



Congratulations to the parents of
Mauve Marie Osborn

Who was baptized here on December 7, 2024
 &

Congratulations to the parents of
John Simon Magdits

Who was baptized here on December 8, 2024



***Advent
 Reconciliation
 Monday,
 December 16
 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm***

Turn From Sin

Third Sunday of Advent (Year C)

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" [Luke 3:10](#)

Among those within the crowds who were asking Saint John the Baptist this question were tax collectors, soldiers and ordinary people. John gave an answer to them all, first telling them to turn away from the sins that they struggled with the most. Sin takes on many forms and often is closely associated with our daily duties in life. Some sins are sins of commission, meaning sins we commit by an intentional act. Some sins are those of omission, meaning a lack of certain virtues or a failure to do what we ought to do.

After addressing the particular sins that those in the crowds were struggling with, John then turns their attention to Christ. He states to them that "one mightier than I is coming" and that "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." In other words, John was giving the people a twofold command. First, work to overcome sin. And second, turn your eyes to Him Who is coming to you. Repenting from sin is not enough. Once we repent, we must then fill the void within our souls with the presence of Christ.

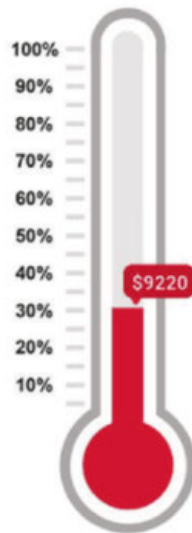
Advent, just like Lent, is an important time within our liturgical year to heed these messages. Though it's true that we must work to overcome sin and turn to Christ every day of the year, God knows we need a special time each year when we give concerted effort to these spiritual endeavors. So before Advent passes you by, heed the words of the Baptist and take some time to examine your conscience thoroughly. Perhaps use a detailed list of the Ten Commandments or the Seven Capital Sins. Once you do that, seek out an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Doing so is essential to a fruitful Advent season.

Once you thoroughly repent of the sins you struggle with the most right now, turn to the Savior of the World with special attentiveness to the miracle of the Incarnation this Advent. Spend time adoring the God Who came to us in the form of a little child. Meditate on this Gift. Gaze at a nativity scene prayerfully. Read the Scripture passages about the birth of Christ. Close your eyes and imagine yourself there at His birth

Reflect, today, upon this twofold exhortation from John and apply it to your Advent preparations. Cleanse your soul in a special way from all sin this Advent. Then prayerfully ponder and meditate upon the reality we are preparing to celebrate. As John says, allow the Christ Child to truly "baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" through your deepening devotion and prayer this Advent.

My dear Jesus, please help me to see my sins as You see them. Help me to be attentive to every sinful action I commit and even those smaller sins of omission. As I ponder my sin, please draw me to Your mercy and grace so that I can then open the eyes of my soul more deeply to see You and to adore You more completely this Advent. Jesus, I trust in You.

Goal: \$30000



As of 12/3/22, we have raised **\$9,220** 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 covering the cost of updating the air conditioning in the church and for the chimney repositioning at the rectory.

Thank You!



The **Haiti Ministry** is so very grateful for your generous support of the **25th Anniversary celebration** of the mission of St. Patrick and St. Mary Star of the Sea in Unionville to help our Haitian brothers and sisters. **We raised over \$20,500** which will be used to continue support of the student feeding program and teacher salaries at St.

Therese De L'Enfant Jésus in Lilavois.

Despite the unrest and the dangerous living situation in Haiti, we can assure you that funds sent to Haiti are securely wire transferred to Father Bichara. He always immediately sends notification of receipt of the money along with an accounting of how it is spent (the most recent notification received in November).

The \$20,500 raised by the Gala will go a long way to help meet the needs of St. Therese, but there remains a continued need for your generosity.

We pray to Jesus that just as He fed the multitudes and continues to feed us in the Eucharist, He will support and bless our endeavors as we continue to provide the human hands and means to help feed and care for the poorest of His children.

I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. John 13:34

The Haiti Ministry

Word of Life † December 15

"O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery;

Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free."

USCCB, "Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita"





December 18	Holy Hour & Eucharistic Adoration 7:00 pm
December 19	Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm
December 20	Christmas Concert 7:00 pm
December 23	Pageant Rehearsal 6:00 pm
December 24	Christmas Pageant & Children's Mass 4:00 pm

**Need a Break?
Time away to Rest and Renew?**

Come join the Men on retreat Jan 10-12, 2025

Retreat Theme: *In my Love, Abide*

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center – West Hartford, CT

Jesus calls us to remain in love as the branches remain with the vine for life and sustenance. We know that Jesus prayed often and taught his disciples to do the same. Pope Francis has named this year a "Year of Prayer." He described it as "a year dedicated to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer in one's personal life, in the life of the Church, and in the world." We invite you to come and explore the depths of a life of prayer and learn ways to maintain the sacred connection to God through Christ, the true vine.

Retreat begins on Friday night and goes to noon on Sunday with family members invited to the Sunday mass and brunch with no additional cost.

This year we are hopeful of having many Father and sons attend together. Parishioners attending their first retreat may be able to attend cost free.

Women will also be able to attend a retreat with the same theme. First Women's Retreat is Jan 3-5

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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



"Divine Mercy Holy Hour will be celebrated on **Dec. 15th from 2:30 - 3:30 pm at the Church of St. Ann, in Avon, CT.** Please join us to receive God's Merciful Love this Advent."



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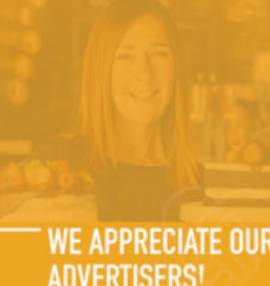


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