

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

Mrs. Sharon Mazzo: (860) 693-0166

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

St Patrick's Youth Ministry Team

Confirmation Program

Brian Curran 860-422-0490

Sandy MiCari 860-302-2797

Legacy Youth Program

Wendy & Mike Gacek

860-675-4081

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. Mark Niehaus: (860) 944-1458

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

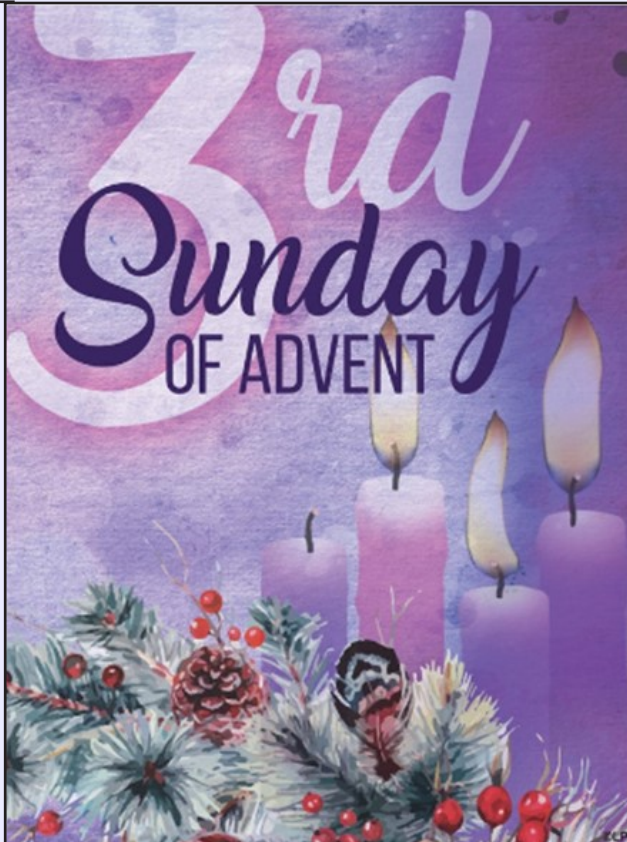
CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

Usher/Greeter Ministry

Mr. Mike Sinacori: (860) 693-9204

Women of St. Patrick's

Email: WSP@sp4c.org



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, December 10

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick's

Sunday, December 11

8:00 am Eleanor Zacchera as requested by the Family

10:00 am Richard St Gelais as requested by the St Gelais Family

Monday, December 12

8:00 am Andzej Romaniak as requested by Paula Allan

Tuesday, December 13

8:00 am Mary Lou Smith as requested by the Paula Allan

Wednesday, December 14

8:00 am Janet Tobias Douglas as requested by Paula Allan

Thursday, December 15

8:00 am No Mass

Friday, December 16

8:00 am No Mass

Saturday, December 17

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick's

Sunday December 18

8:00 am Frank Lauretti as requested by Christine & Richard Masotti

10:00 am Pietro & Dora DiTommaso as requested by the Farren Family

Faith Formation Calendar

December 4	YOUTH MASS	10 am
December 5	First Holy Communion	In Person @6 pm
December 10	5 th grade	Virtual @8 am
	7 th grade	Virtual @8:30 am
December 11	1 st , 3 rd , 4 th , 6 th grades	In Person @8:55-9:55 am
December 12	First Holy Communion	In Person @6 pm
December 17	6 th grade	Virtual @ 8:30 am
December 18	7 th grade	In Person @8:55-9:55 am
December 19	4 th grade	Virtual @6:30 pm
	8 th grade	Virtual @ 4:00 pm

Christmas Break – Classes will resume on January 8

*Class dates/times are subject to change.



Children's CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Rehearsals

The Children's 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.

Parish Support

Week of 12/1/22 to 12/6/22

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$4,839.00

Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$1,568.00

Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$ 6,407.00

Facilities- \$ 170.00

Monthly- Fuel Offering

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ 1,204.00

Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$ 336.00

Monthly Collection Total \$ 1,540.00

Grand Total: \$ 8,117.00

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



Free Christmas Music Concert at St. Patrick's

An Evening of Peace, Joy and Hopeful Anticipation

Thursday, December 22, 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 !!



WOMEN OF ST PATRICK'S DECEMBER MEETING

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CHRISTMAS PART

Tuesday ~ December 13, 2022 6:30pm

All women of the parish are invited to the Annual WSP Christmas Party!

Please join us as we celebrate Christmas and all the WSP accomplishments and many blessings in 2022!

A brief business meeting will be held at 6:30pm followed by the WSP Christmas Party! Please bring an appetizer, snack or a dessert to share. This is a great opportunity to learn about the WSP and to meet other women of the parish & create a lasting friendship!



Human Needs Coat Drive 2022



Thanks to your generosity our coat drive to benefit members of Maria Reina de la Paz Parish in Hartford was a big success. We received \$1,120 in donations and items that people bought themselves. In total we were able to donate approximately 40 coats, 30 pairs of gloves/mittens, 25 hats and 6 pair of socks which will be a big help to folks this winter.



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.

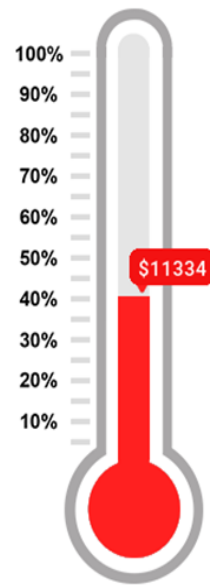
Reflect, today, upon this twofold exhortation from John and apply it to your Advent preparations. Cleanse your soul in a special way from all sin this Advent. Then prayerfully ponder and meditate upon the reality we are preparing to celebrate. As John says, allow the Christ Child to truly "baptize you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

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Goal: \$30000



2022 ANNUAL PASTOR'S APPEAL

By now many of you have received a letter in the mail from Fr. Collins.

If you did not receive a letter, please take a copy from the usher's desk.

The goal for this year's appeal is \$30,000 which will go towards covering the cost of a digital Carrillons bell system for the church tower and also for retiling the Parish Hall.

We hope you will prayerfully consider participating in this Appeal.

Thank You!



Advent

Hope, Love, Joy, Peace

To help us in our spiritual preparations to celebrate Christmas more fruitfully, we will have an Advent Day of Prayer, Adoration, and Reconciliation on Wednesday, December 14th, 2021.

The day will begin with the 8:00am mass. Towards the end of the mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and placed on the altar throughout the day. A sign-up sheet is placed at the main entrance of the church for people to sign on to ensure we have someone in the church throughout the day. Everyone in our parish is challenged to make out time to spend with the Lord in the Holy Eucharist in our church, especially on that day.

At 7 pm that day, there will be an opportunity for celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confessions. Some priests will be invited to assist in celebrating individual confessions. After individual confessions, we will conclude the day with prayers and benediction. We don't want anyone to be left out. Let's all plan to take advantage of the special opportunity to adore the Lord in the Holy Eucharist, celebrate the Sacrament of Confession, and be filled with his divine blessings.



Dec 14	Advent Day of Prayer, Adoration, and Reconciliation 8:00 am
Dec 15	Bell Choir Rehearsal Church 7:00 pm
Dec 18	Children's Christmas Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am
Dec 22	Christmas Concert 7:00 pm

Word of Life † Dec 11th

“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”



CHRISTMAS 2022 MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 24th 4:00 pm & 8:00 pm

Sunday, December 25th 8:00am & 10:00am

The Christmas Pageant 3:45 pm & the 4:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve and the 10:00 am Mass on Christmas Day will be live streamed on our Facebook Page.

Save the Date

Men's Retreat at Holy Family Retreat Center.

Men's Retreat Jan 13-15, 2022 Theme: A Missing Peace

Peace is something we crave but rarely find for more than a short time. The weekend of Jan 13-15 at Holy Family, we'll explore the theme, *A Missing Peace*, in the hope that together, through prayer, presentations, and discussions, we can come closer to understanding how to achieve the peace Jesus meant for us to have, and equally important, to share in our families and in our world.

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