

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

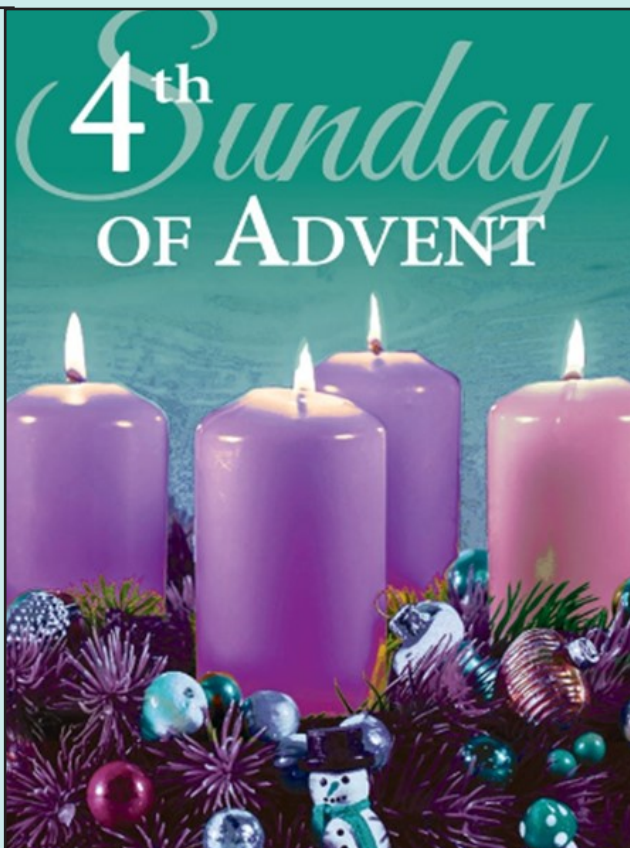
CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

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

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



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 DiTommasso as requested by the Farren Family

Monday, December 19

8:00 am Richard Hill as requested by the Battistoni Family

Tuesday, December 20

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Wednesday, December 21

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

Thursday, December 22

8:00 am No Mass

Friday, December 23

8:00 am No Mass

Saturday, December 24

4:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick's

8:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick's

Sunday December 25

8:00 am Enderline N. Anaeché

10:00 am Healing Mass for John Nowak as requested by Lori Kluessendorf

Parish Support

Week of 12/7/22 to 12/12/22

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$3,531.00
 Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$1,526.00
Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$ 5,057.00

Facilities- \$ 392.00

Monthly- Retirement for Religious

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ 574.00
 Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$.00

Monthly Collection Total \$ 574.00

Grand Total: \$ 6,023.00

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 !!

Faith Formation Calendar

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,



Baptism

Congratulations to the parents of **Olivia Grace Savoia**
 Who was baptized here on December 11, 2022

Human Needs Committee - Thanksgiving



The Human Needs Committee would like to thank you for your donations during the past year. Due to your generosity we were able to donate 50 cans of cranberry sauce and 50 bags of stuffing as requested by the Canton Social Services as well as give a monetary donation of \$350.00. We also gave a monetary donation of \$550.00 to the Burlington Social Services. Once again thank you for your help in supporting our ministry!

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.



Wonder and Awe

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year C)

“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?” [Luke 1:42-43](#)

Elizabeth expressed a beautiful humility in this statement. The Blessed Virgin Mary had just made a long journey to be with Elizabeth in her final months of pregnancy. As soon as our Blessed Mother greeted Elizabeth, Elizabeth’s child, Saint John the Baptist, leaped for joy in her womb. Elizabeth acknowledges this and then humbly expresses the fact that she is exceptionally blessed to have Mary, the mother of her Lord, come to visit her.

There are many things worth pondering in this visitation of our Blessed Mother. But try to focus upon the humble wonder and awe expressed by Elizabeth. “And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?” Elizabeth was clearly grateful for Mary’s visit. But it appears that her reaction went even beyond gratitude. She was given the gift of wonder and awe. She clearly knew she was incredibly blessed by the fact that both the Mother of God and her Lord Himself were now in her presence in her home.

This gift of wonder and awe that Elizabeth experienced is one of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. It’s a gift that enters a humble heart, enabling it to first see its unworthiness of a special grace given. But then this humble soul receives the special grace and responds with an overwhelming amazement. Thus, not only is gratitude present, but there is also this holy amazement that results in praise of God.

In our own lives, there are so many incredible graces we have received from God. But too often we fail to see them for what they are. We fail to see the incredible graces God has given us and, thus, fail to experience the amazement that should result from God’s gifts.

As you look at your own life, what graces has God given to you? Do you see them? Are you grateful for them? And, if so, are you able to go even beyond gratitude so as to experience a holy wonder and awe of God’s goodness and blessings in your life? Though it might be difficult to arrive at this level of amazement, it is a true gift that we must all strive to obtain and experience every day of our lives.

Reflect, today, upon this holy gift of the Holy Spirit that Elizabeth experienced. Place yourself at the scene. Try to see the experience within her heart. Try to feel how she felt. Try to sense the praise that resulted. And try to open yourself more fully to receive this same gift of the Holy Spirit in your life. The Lord comes to you constantly by grace, especially every time you receive Him in Holy Communion. For that reason, we must all strive to live a holy wonder and awe every day of our lives.

My most glorious Lord, You grace me beyond imagination. Too often, I fail to experience the gratitude and the wonder and awe

that should result. Please help me to first see the countless blessings of Your grace and presence in my life. And as I see them, please fill me with the Holy Spirit so that I, too, may continually sing Your worthy praises. Jesus, I trust in You.

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Goal: \$30000

2022 ANNUAL PASTOR'S APPEAL

As of 12/12/22, we have raised **\$13,993** 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 a digital Carrillons bell system for the church tower and also for retiling the Parish Hall.

Thank You!

In Loving Memory

“Reverend John Montgomery”

Former Pastor of St Patrick’s entered Eternal Life on November 19, 2022. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on December 7, 2022.

May his soul rest in peace. May God grant comfort and consolation to his family and friends

Faith Formation Thank You!

Thank you to all those who attended “Pancakes with Santa” which was held on December 10. Much fun was had by all who came! A BIG thank you to those who volunteered their time to help make this event extra special!

COME TO PRAY

The church is opened from 8:00 am—4:00pm, Monday through Wednesday for anyone who wishes to come & pray. Please use the side door near the water fountain.



Dec 18	Children's Christmas Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am
Dec 21	Advent Day of Prayer, Adoration, and Reconciliation 7:00 pm
Dec 22	Christmas Concert 7:00 pm
Dec 24	Christmas Pageant & Children's mass 4:00 PM

Word of Life † Dec 18th

"Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother." Learn ten tips at respectlife.org/support-her.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
 "10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting"

**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.

For additional information please contact Moe Poirier 860-693-4692 or Tom Turrick 860-605-9092

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