

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



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

The time came for her to have her child and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. - Lk 2:6b-7

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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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 24

4:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick's
 8:00 pm Bob Glynn as requested by Janet Glynn and Family

Sunday, December 25

8:00 am Enderline N. Anaeché
 10:00 am Healing Mass for John Nowak as requested by Lori Kluessendorf

Monday, December 26

8:00 am No Mass

Tuesday, December 27

8:00 am No Mass

Wednesday, December 28

8:00 am James Sobanski as requested by Marianne & Paul Cassavechia

Thursday, December 29

8:00 am No Mass

Friday, December 30

8:00 am No Mass

Saturday, December 31

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick's

Sunday January 1


8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's
 10:00 am Marion Cole

Faith Formation Calendar

January 8	1 st , 3 rd , 4 th , 6 th grades	In Person @8:55-9:55 am
January 9	First Holy Communion	In Person @6 pm
January 15	Confirmation	In Person @11:30 am
January 18	3 rd grade	Virtual @6 pm
January 21	6 th grade	Virtual @8:30 am

Christmas Break – Classes will resume on January 8

*Class dates/times are subject to change.



YOUTH MASS Cancellation
 Our January Youth Mass, which was to be held on January 8, 2023, has been canceled. We hope to see you at our next Youth Mass being held on Sunday, February 5, 2023.



Parish Support

Week of 12/13/22 to 12/21/22

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash):	\$.00
Weekly Collection (Online Giving):	\$.00
Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online):	\$.00
Facilities-	\$.00
Monthly- N/A	
Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash)	\$.00
Monthly Collection (Online Giving)	\$.00
Monthly Collection Total	\$.00
Grand Total:	\$.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.

Goal: \$30000


2022 ANNUAL PASTOR'S APPEAL

As of 12/15/22, we have raised \$14,493 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!



The Bells are Ringing!!!
 The Carrillons Bell System has been installed. Now you can hear beautiful church bell chimes from our Church Tower. The sound of a church bell in our Collinsville/Burlington community calls us to worship and mark significant hours throughout the day. It also draws our hearts to the ever presence of God in our midst.



New Parish Website Coming!!
 We're working on a new website for our parish to be launched December 28th. It is user-friendly and more flexible than our current website. After December 28th take some time to familiarize yourself with it!





MESSAGE FROM FR. COLLINS

Dear Friends in Christ,

Celebrating special events, rituals, historical moments, and feasts are essential to our human experience and tradition. As such, celebrations that hold significance offer us the privilege to step out of our usual routines and turn toward the values and beliefs we cherish. This weekend we celebrate an event with a difference. An event that transformed the face of the earth and ushered in a new dawn of hope for us. We celebrate the miracle of Christmas.

Thus, in our celebration, we rejoice in the birth of *Divine Love as a Person*, Jesus Christ, who has taken on our human nature to bring God closer to us. As the angels proclaimed on the first Christmas, "...this is the good news of great joy for all people...for a savior, Christ and Lord has been born for us" (Luke 2:10 -11). In our Christmas joy and excitement of the season, let us allow the light of Christ to illuminate our hearts and guide us in all we do. As we sing, rejoice, and celebrate the birth of Christ, may we take to heart the implication of our Christmas celebration, calling us to invite Christ to be *born anew* in us. So, may our joyful celebration inspire us to reflect Christ's love to everyone we encounter, not just during this season of Christmas but every day of our lives.

Let me seize this opportunity to express my gratitude to our staff members, Dcn. Ken Bangs, Terry St. Gelais, our Parish Administrative Assistant, Jessica Sanzo, our Faith Formation Coordinator, and Chris Casey, our Music director, for their dedication and support this past year. I am also grateful to our talented cantors, the Casey sisters (Deanna, Noelle, Tasha, Elise, and Kathleen) and Colleen Ververis, Caroline Brayne, and Judith Dickson and other choir members for all they do in using their gift of singing to enrich our liturgies and celebrations. I am thankful for all the various ministries and committee members, the altar servers, Ushers, Human Needs ministry, Youth Ministry Leadership team, Finance Council, Parish Council, Women of St Patrick's, and Liturgy committee, who decorate the church. Your continued individual and collective gifts of yourselves, time, and resources make St. Patrick's parish the lovely family it is. I also thank all our parishioners and all who supported, organized, or participated in the activities, outreach programs, and events, both social and liturgical, during the Advent period leading up to our Christmas celebration. Without your continued support, we wouldn't be able to do what we do in our community.

As I have done in the past, this coming week, I will be traveling to Nigeria to visit with my family for most of January 2023. I will also spend some part of my time in Nigeria engaging in the outreach program of Divine Hope Mission, an independent nonprofit charitable organization that I founded to help deprived individuals, underprivileged families, and communities in remote villages in Nigeria, particularly those living in communities such as Umume Obodoukwu, where access to necessities of life is minimal and, in most cases, does not exist. One of the main focuses of Divine Hope Mission in January 2023 will be to provide and distribute food materials to those who otherwise would not have access to food for themselves and their families during this Christmas season. If you are interested in knowing more about Divine Hope Mission or feel called to support its programs, please visit: www.divinehopemission.com.

During the time that I will be away, nothing much will change concerning the life and pastoral activities in the parish. Monsignor Joseph Disciacca will be available to cover most of the masses and other sacramental or pastoral needs requiring a priest. Dcn. Ken Bangs and other parish staff members will also be available to assist in various ways to ensure everything works well. Most of our liturgical schedules will continue as usual, except from this week (**Sunday, December 25, 2022**) till the week ending on **January 28, 2023**; the weekday masses will be held only on Wednesdays. Hence, there will be weekday mass on **Wednesday, December 28, 2022, at 8. am; January 4, at 8. am; Wednesday, January 11, at 8. am; Wednesday, January 18; and Wednesday, January 25, at 8. am**. Therefore, there will be no weekday masses on Tuesdays and Mondays. The weekend masses schedule will remain unchanged. The weekly Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays will continue as usual.

Finally, I appreciate all your Christmas best wishes, prayers, cards, and gifts. I feel inspired and encouraged by your witness of faith. May the joy and peace of Christ fill your hearts and homes this season and always,

In Christ,

Fr. Collins A. Anache





Dec 28	Holy Hours and Eucharistic Adoration 7:00 PM
Dec 29	Bell Choir Rehearsal Church 7:00 pm

Word of Life † Dec 25th

“The infant Christ ‘came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for and raised by Joseph’ (PC 5). The humble and often hidden carpenter of Nazareth accompanied Mary in her pregnancy, assisted at the birth of the Messiah in a stable, presented Jesus in the Temple, fled with his family far from their homeland to protect them, and lovingly raised Jesus as his own son in the years to come... Joseph’s devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us.”

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USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
 Respect Life Reflection: St. Joseph, Defender of Life



**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